

St. Margaret of York Parish

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Parent Information Meeting

August 20, 2017

10:15 – 10:45 a.m. in Day Chapel

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What does the word “catechesis” mean?

A: The word “catechesis” is often defined as oral instruction given to catechumens (those preparing for baptism). It is from a Greek word, related to the word “to teach,” and means “resounding” or “echoing down.” It refers to the passing on of the truths of our faith. Though most of the children we serve are baptized in infancy and are not actually catechumens, their catechesis has been delayed until the earliest ages at which they can participate in it.

Q: Is Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Catholic?

A: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd came about through the work of two Roman Catholic laywomen in Rome: Sofia Cavalletti and Gianna Gobbi. They were inspired by the educational principles of Maria Montessori, also a Catholic. The materials they prepared for children, since 1954, were based on the Bible, the Roman Catholic liturgy and sacraments, Tradition, and Church teachings. In 1985, a Level I course welcomed participants from both Catholic and several other Christian traditions. Since that time, the ecumenical character of the roster for each course has continued. All presentations are offered as given to us by Sofia and Gianna (Catholic) and participants are welcome to adapt them to their own traditions with the encouragement of the national association and help from CGS formation leaders who share their traditions.

The National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
www.cgsusa.org

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd At St. Margaret of York

Teachers with Level 1 training for ages 3-6

- Mrs. Carrie Schmitt, carrieschmitt10@gmail.com
- Mrs. Amber Lapp, amber.r.lapp@gmail.com
- Mrs. Amanda Glenski, amandajglenski@yahoo.com
- Mrs. Staci Henderson, stacimhenderson@gmail.com

Two classes will be offered

- From September 10, 2017 to May 6, 2018
- On Sundays at 9:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m.
- In the school building
- With each class up to 15 students
- Children must be potty-trained
- Registration fee: \$100 per child

Students are expected to maintain good attendance.

- This is a structured faith-formation program.
- It is not baby-sitting.

To register your child:

- Register online by deadline: August 28, 2017
- Complete Archdiocese Permission Form

Class lists will be determined on August 29

- Parents will learn if child is on a class list or a waiting list by August 31.
- All forms and \$100 fee must be returned by Sept. 6, 2017.

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Being registered shows your desire to have your child in the program.

It does not mean that your child is automatically enrolled.

That's because we have only 4 teachers trained and certified to teach CGS and we have only 2 classes available.