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Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Ages 3-6
Level I, Part I Formation
at St. Francis of Assisi Church
Grapevine, TX

A non-refundable deposit of \$100 is due by April 30, 2018. The balance is due by the first day of class.

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### Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

"If we want to help the child draw nearer to God, we should with patience and courage seek to go always closer to the vital nucleus of things. This requires study and prayer. The child will be our teacher if we know how to observe."

-- Sofia Cavalletti

2018-2019 Training Schedule

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level I: Ages 3-6

Catechist certification program



Andrea Frank Formation Leader

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St. Francis Church Grapevine

## What is the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd?

Beginning in 1954 in Rome, Italy, Sofia Cavaletti and her co-worker Gianna Gobbi developed an approach that appealed to the profound religious intuition of younger and older children—one that evolved from the children themselves.



Upon visiting the Atrium, John Paul II declared it "the greatest homily I have ever seen."

The Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd was formed in 1984 in North America with its main aim being that of "involving adults and children in a common religious experience in which the religious values of childhood are predominate."

Focusing on God's unconditional love through the parable of the Good Shepherd, the Level 1 course is based on the conviction that God and the child are in relationship. It is the foundation level training for the catechesis in general and for the 3 to 6 year old child in particular.

This course will give you the background formation as well as the skills to create a prepared environment, called the atrium, and to give presentations that enable the child to draw near to God.

#### **SCHEDULE**

#### Formation Dates, Part I

May 4-6, 2018 (Friday -Sunday)

June 22-24, 2018 (Friday -Sunday)

June 29-Jul 1, 2018 (Friday -Sunday)

#### Formation Dates, Part II

TBD

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Part I-2018.....\$300 Part II-2019....\$300

Scholarships available through the CGS National Association, <u>www.cgsusa.org</u>

Formation sessions are Fridays 6-9pm, Saturdays and Sundays 9-4:30pm.

The training will be held at:

St Francis of Assisi 861 Wildwood Ln

Grapevine, TX 76051 www.sfatx.org



### Formation Leader and Trainer

Andrea Frank is a certified guide in all three levels of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, and a certified Formation Leader for Level II of CGS. She also holds Bachelors and Masters degrees in English Literature from the University of Dallas. She has served as a catechist at St. Francis Montessori, in Irving, TX, for nearly 10 years, guiding all three levels of atria. In addition, she is a wife and mother of six children, ages 12 years to 6 months. She will continue in the process of CGS formation this summer, pursuing certification as a Level II Formation Leader under the guidance and mentorship of Marilee Quinn.

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Tamara Kuykendall is certified in all three levels of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and has served as a catechist at St. Francis Montessori, in Irving, TX, for 8 years, during which she has guided atria in all three levels (currently guiding levels 1 & 3). She holds a Bachelors degree in English and Masters degree in Theology from the University of Dallas. Tamara is also a wife and homeschooling mother of five children.