

Jesus tells us "Truly, I say to you unless you turn and become like children you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven"

Matthew 18:3



Meeting dates & times:

See bulletin and flyers for upcoming dates and times

"Help me come closer to God by myself."

Sofia Cavalletti

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a life changing experience where children encounter Christ on their own terms. As Christ is their teacher, our Level One Class for ages 3-6 makes connections with God and learns a deeper and greater love for him. The catechists only facilitate each child's journey, so the child can engage and be self-directed to encounter Jesus and share in his life's story using Scriptural parables.



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Catechesis of the Good Shepherd



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Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a curriculum new to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church but has been used in parishes throughout the world for over 60 years. It is based on building a personal relationship with God through prayer, the Bible, and Liturgy. Our Curriculum History Since 1954, in Rome, Italy, Sofia Cavalletti has pursued the revelation of the young child's religious potential through 60 years of research and published material at both the preschool and elementary levels. With the "self-teaching" principles of Maria Montessori and the theological knowledge of Hebrew scholar, Cavalletti and her co-worker, Gianna Gobbi, developed an approach which not only appealed to the profound religious intuition of younger and older children, but evolved from the children themselves. Today the work (still active in Rome) has emerging centers all over the world. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Throughout the country who have already adopted this program into their faith formation curriculum. It involves

a tremendous commitment for catechist formation (training), space and materials. Most importantly, the growth that we anticipate to see in our children's spiritual development will truly be amazing.



The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is an important part of development for our youngest parishioner as they contemplate on their relationship with Jesus and learn to love God with his or her heart.

Catechists go through an extensive 90 hour training and learn to let the Holy Spirit guide them so they can facilitate the atrium for each child.

"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 himself will be our teacher if we know how to observe him."

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"Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

Mark 10:14