

## Registration Form

Name:

Address:

Daytime Phone:

Email:

Church/School Affiliation:

### Fees

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Tuition is \$30 per class attended or \$450 for entirety of the course. Payment may be made up front or monthly, payable to St. Mary's Catholic Cathedral.

### Childcare

Childcare needed?  yes  no  
\$2.00 per hour per child payable to the nursery worker for the childcare that you use.

If yes, please tell us the names and ages of your children:

\_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_

### Lodging

Lodging is available at nearby hotels and may be available through parishioners of St. Mary's Cathedral. Please indicate your interest in receiving information about these options below

- No, do not send me information about hotels.
- Yes, send me information about hotels.
- Yes, send me information about staying in a parishioners home.

### Meals

Participants are asked to bring their own lunches or other meals as necessary.

Please return this form and your deposit to:

Kelsey Matchen  
St. Mary's Cathedral  
1200 S Washington  
Amarillo, TX 79102

Registration deadline is

May 30, 2015



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## Catechesis of The Good Shepherd



## Formation Retreat for Adults working with Children Ages 3-6

Whether you enjoy this multi-session retreat to study scripture, theology, and liturgy as a gift for yourself

OR

Whether you explore the program in to share it with 3-6 year old children

We invite you to join us as we encounter the wonder of God's grace

### 2015 Retreat Dates

June 7-13	October 17
August 7-8	November 21
September 19	December 4-6

# Course Description

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Christian formation program for children 3-12 years old in which a trained adult helps awaken children to their personal response to God. It seeks to create and facilitate a sacred, "hands-on" space for children called an atrium in which both the child and the adult can hear, ponder, and celebrate the most essential mysteries of the Christian faith as revealed in the Scriptures and Liturgy.

This approach to Christian formation began in 1954 when Sofia Cavalletti, a scripture scholar, and Gianna Gobbi, a Montessori educator, founded the Good Shepherd Atrium in Rome, Italy. For 60 years the program has spread through parishes and schools of different denominations around the world.

This year's course will deepen both the participant's spiritual experience with God's grace and his /her understanding of scripture and liturgy while also while also concretely preparing the participant to develop and facilitate an atrium for 3-6 year old children.

## Course Objectives

- † to offer meditation on scripture and education in church liturgy.
- † to deepen personal relationship with Christ.
- † to offer guidelines and assistance for creating a prayer space for 3-6 year olds, preparing an album of presentations, and making materials which introduce children to God and the church.
- † to explore the religious nature, the most vital religious needs and the developmental characteristics of the 3-6 year old child.
- † to broaden the adult's ability to observe the children, to listen with children to scripture, and to deepen our enjoyment of God's presence.

## Retreat Leader

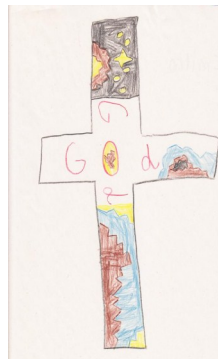
The formation retreat will be led by Kay Brizzolara, a certified CGS formation leader. Ms. Brizzolara is the religious education director for St. Andrew's Episcopal School in Amarillo, Texas where she offers catechesis to children ages 3 – 13. She holds a BA from Yale University, an M.A. from Cambridge University, a certificate in Theology from The University of the South (Sewanee), and a Certificate in Youth Ministry from the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest. She has over nineteen years of experience as a catechist in CGS programs in churches and at school.

## Certification

Upon completion of the ninety hour retreat, participants will receive certification through the National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

## Childcare

A nursery will be available for the children of participants. Participants are asked to please pay \$2.00 per hour per child to the nursery worker for the childcare which they use. Please note your childcare needs on the registration form.



## Lodging

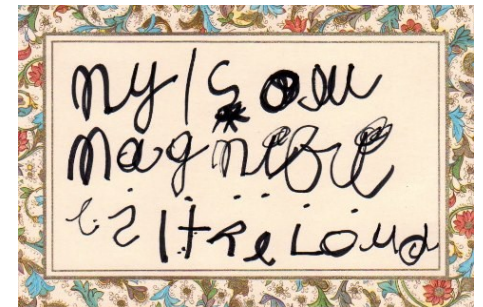
Lodging is available at hotels near St. Mary's and may also be available through parishioners in Amarillo.

## Further Information and

### Registration

The retreat course fee is \$30 per day or \$450 for the entirety of the course. A \$100 deposit for each participant due by May 30, 2015; remaining fees may be paid at the beginning of each session. Fees and registration forms as well as questions about the course should be addressed to:

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matchen@stmarysamartillo.com



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