

From: Michael Soentgerath
To: LINDA FUNK
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Subject: RE: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - Saskatoon

Dear Linda:

I am very pleased to provide this email endorsement of the **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** as “**the**” program of choice to be utilized for faith formation with pre-schoolers. The CGS was created by Montessori Educator Gianna Gobbi and Hebrew scholar Sofia Cavalletti, and truly honours children as intuitively spiritual and through a very tactile and exploratory approach allows the child to discover the richness of faith more by intuition and self discovery than by an infusion of information from a teacher. This approach is exceptionally well suited for early childhood in that this experiential learning validates the intuitive disposition of faith within the human person and the early discovery of “mystery” in the life of the child.

In our diocese we are promoting and supporting the building and utilizing of the Atrium as an exceptional pedagogical tool for early childhood faith formation. I would encourage any diocese or parish to support and encourage the CGS in any way they can. The foundational “faith-work” accomplished with the Atrium, in my opinion is immeasurable.

God’s blessing and grace,

Michael

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