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*Respect for the child's nature, which God Himself demands of us, compels us to search most carefully for those conditions in which children can abandon themselves most easily to God.*

**—Maria Montessori, *The Child in the Church***

## Formation Leaders:

### Laura Accettullo

Laura has been a Catechist of the Good Shepherd since 2001, receiving formation at all three levels of CGS with Rebekah Rojcewicz. In 2003, Laura co-founded John XXIII Montessori Children's Center, where she currently serves as director. In addition to offering CGS Atriums for Toddler, Levels I, II, and III, John XXIII's program also includes AMI Montessori academics for toddlers through middle schoolers. A Level I formation leader since 2014, Laura is currently working toward Level II formation leader certification. She is additionally a participant in the seminal CGS Toddler Formation Course. Laura's greatest joy is to work with children in a number of Atrium sessions at John XXIII.

### Maggie Radzik

Maggie has been an AMI Montessori certified teacher at the Assistant to Infancy (0-3), Primary (3-6), and Elementary (6-12) levels for over twenty-five years and has a great passion for the Montessori approach to human development. She has been a certified national CGS formation leader for Level I for over ten years and is working toward completing her Level II formation leader credential. Maggie is a participant in the seminal CGS Toddler Formation Course. She coordinated Louisiana's First Steps program, which served at-risk families after the birth of a child. Maggie has been part of a team forming the Missionaries of Charity in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

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## Montessori Catechetical and Cultural Institute

## Catechesis of the Good Shepherd



## Level I Adult Formation Course

**Part 1: June 25-30, 2018  
Part 2: Summer 2019**

John XXIII Montessori Children's Center  
1401 Linden Street  
Front Royal, VA 22630

*A Catholic faith formation course for adults working with young children ages 3-6 in a parish, school, or private setting.*

## Course Objectives:

- To explore the religious potential and characteristics of the 3–6 year old child.
- To present the methodology and guiding principles of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for this age child.
- To offer guidelines and assistance in preparing an Atrium environment and making catechist album pages and materials.
- To present Dr. Maria Montessori's vision and pedagogy for meeting the spiritual and developmental needs of this aged child.
- To meditate on the scriptural, doctrinal, and liturgical themes presented to the 3–6 year old child.
- To broaden the catechist's ability to observe, listen, and learn from children.
- To deepen the adult's prayer life and relationship with God.

**June 25–30, 2018 (part 1)**

**Summer 2019 (part 2)**

**9:30 a.m. –4:30 p.m. daily**

Course includes presentations, adult reflections, practice time, material making, and Montessori theory.

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## Required Texts:

*Religious Potential of the Child (Vol. 1)* by Sofia Cavalletti

*Listening to God with Children: Montessori Principles Applied to the Catechesis of Children* by Gianna Gobbi

*The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in a Parish Setting* by Tina Lillig

*The Good Shepherd and the Child: A Joyful Journey* by Patricia Coulter

*The Child in the Church* by Maria Montessori and others, edited by E. M. Standing

**Books available in discounted bundles from [www.cgsusa.org](http://www.cgsusa.org)**

## Cost:

**Level I Course Tuition – \$1,200**

*Please see our website for payment plan options and information on scholarships for financial assistance.*

[www.montessori-mcci.org](http://www.montessori-mcci.org)

Financial aid may also be available from:

CGS National Office

[www.cgsusa.org](http://www.cgsusa.org)

Financial Aid decisions made twice per year—apply early!

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