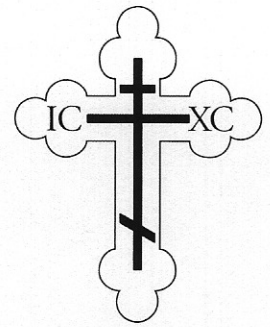


# Orthodox Diocese of Sitka and Alaska

*Rt. Rev. Bishop David (Mahaffey)  
Bishop of Sitka and Alaska*



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To Whom It May Concern:

Glory to Jesus Christ!

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Montessori-style method of religious education for children. I have observed this teaching in practice and highly approve of its use, in fact, as part of our St. Hermans Seminary Curriculum, it is required for all students to take the training course. I know of no better method to create an enthusiastic atmosphere for our children to learn the Orthodox Faith than the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. I give it my highest recommendation and endorsement.

Originally developed by Roman Catholic Montessori educators (who own the rights to the program), Shelley Finkler, a certified trainer in the method, has very successfully adapted and tweaked it for use in an Orthodox parish setting. As this program grows and develops it will become the method of instruction *par excellence* for all church schools in the Orthodox Church.

I hope you will give it due consideration and endorse it with the same enthusiasm that I have.

Your servant of Servants,

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+ David, Bishop of Sitka and Alaska

