



# IN THE MEADOW

Newsletter for CGSUSA Organization Members



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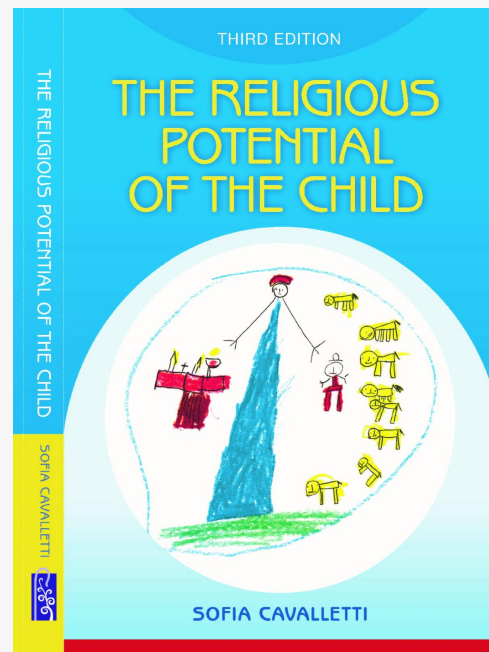
**First Three episodes** available now on iTunes, Spotify, and Podbean!

“Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”  
– Matthew 19:14 NAB

How can a young child deeply encounter the love of God and respond to it? What does this look like? How can we as adults foster and facilitate children’s authentic and loving awareness of God? What are the needs and capacities for a healthy religious life that children show us for such relationship?

The method of Christian Faith Formation called The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd has been exploring these questions for over 65 years guided by the Bible, Liturgy, Montessori principles, and the careful

The Religious Potential of the Child, *third edition*  
Book Study for Chapter 2



**This month we look to Chapter Two: The Child and the Adult**

Do you have a favorite quote from Chapter Two of RPOC? Plan to gather with your catechists to discuss this work and how it has impacted your ministry. [Click here](#) to access the questions from a book club/study on *The Religious Potential of the Child, third edition.*

## 32 Characteristics

20. The materials prepared by catechists for the atrium are faithful to the experimental models of the Catechesis of

observation of what resonates most deeply with children.

Journey with us, every other Wednesday as we explore the spirituality of the child through The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

[Introductory Episode](#)

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the Good Shepherd. The designs of these models are the result of a long, collaborative work of observation and experimentation and have been developed according to the needs of the child at each developmental stage.

[Click here](#) for (parish bulletin or newsletter) reflection on No. 20 of The Characteristics of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

## Parent Newsletter

This month our parent newsletter focuses on Ordinary Time.  
Click on the link below to access the newsletter.



**All About the Atrium**  
CGSUSA Parent Newsletter  
**Ordinary Time**

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## A Song for the Atrium

This month we share a video of Mary Mirrione, our National Director singing and signing "Open My Eyes Lord"

## COMING NEXT MONTH:

### Winter Catechist In-Service

We continue to hear from our organization members that they value the in-service ideas that are shared in this newsletter. Next month, we offer an In-Service on

*God Initiates and Our Response:  
Sofia and Gianna on Prayer*