



## ST. THOMAS MORE NEWMAN CENTER

The Roman Catholic Campus Ministry for The Ohio State University  
A Ministry of the Paulist Fathers

### Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

#### Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: How can I help with materials for the atrium?**

*A: You can help us keep the atrium updated with the right materials. Sometimes they need to be purchased, other times it is cutting things out or writing out works in beautiful handwriting. You can meet us in the small room next to the Level I atria on the second Sunday of every month during 9:45 and 11:45 sessions. We will have work to pick up or do there.*

**Q: How can I help with Set Up or Take Down of the atrium if I am new or unsure how to do it?**

*A: The Set up and Take down for each room have guide books with pictures. If you sign up and are unsure how to do it, we will make sure another parent or volunteer who has done it before is there to help. You will get the hang of it quickly! Email Kate [kweber@buckeyecatholic.com](mailto:kweber@buckeyecatholic.com) to let her know you'd like to help.*

**Q: What is more important, taking my child to Mass or to atrium? Sometimes I feel like I need to choose.**

*A: Great question! Going to Mass is of utmost importance. Ultimately, Jesus is the best teacher of us all! Ideally the atrium is a place where children learn about the Scripture and traditions of our faith, and it prepares them to enter into the life of the Church more fully. They are able to recognize parts of the Mass or Scripture that they have learned about in the atrium when they attend Mass. This makes it more meaningful for them.*

**Q: I know that Catechesis of the Good Shepherd works differently from other religious education programs, but I don't know much about it. How can I find out more about the experience my child is having?**

*A: Come and see- observe in the atrium for a day! The work they do during the atrium is also their prayer, so it will be for the most part a silent observation. There you could spend the entire atrium time seeing what they see. You won't regret this experience! Contact your child's catechist and set up a day you would like to do this. Also, you can visit <http://www.cgsusa.org>. Here you can read about the origins of CGS and how it works. There are also tips for parents on how to incorporate CGS at home.*

**Q: I am thinking about becoming a catechist. What would that involve?**

*A: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd offers certification courses in many different locations. On their main website listed above you can find course offerings listed in Columbus. There is a cost, but we can help to cover part of this cost if you plan to be a catechist for our children. If you are interested, call Kate Weber to get more information on courses near you and where to start.*

**Q: I want to help in the atrium as an aide, but it is so different that I am worried I will not know what to do as an aide. What can I do?**

*A: We can provide you with an aide training that will help you on your way. Although it may seem overwhelming at first, the more time you spend in the atrium the more comfortable and helpful you will become. If you are interested, call Kate Weber for more information.*