**ST. FRANCIS MONTESSORI**

WHERE WISDOM BEGINS WITH WONDER

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**PROGRAMS AND TUITION**

**Morning Primary Program with Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**
- M-F 8:00 - 11:45 AM
- Ages 2 ½ – 6
- $3500

**Full Day Primary Program with Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**
- M-F 8:00 AM - 2:45 PM
- Recommended for Ages 4-6
- $4250

**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd only**
- Ages 2 ½ – 9
- $350

**Sibling Tuition:** second child $2250, third child $1250

**University of Dallas Faculty Tuition:** 20% off first child

**Montessori registration/materials fees:** $250 per family

**Catechesis-only materials fees:** $50 per family

* Tuition/work exchange positions available

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**The Method in Action**

"If an educational act is to be efficacious, it will be only that one which tends to help toward the complete unfolding of life."

"One becomes a well-balanced adult only if one has fully been a child."

"If help and salvation are to come, they can only come from the children, for the children are the makers of men."

"LET THE CHILDREN COME UNTO ME..."
When Dr. Maria Montessori developed her method of education in the early 1900s, she started by observing the child. And she discovered in the child an inner desire to learn that, working in concert with his developmental needs at any given age, effectively guides his growth in knowledge much more effectively than any set of educational objectives imposed from the outside. This internal desire is a powerful natural urge guiding the child to reach his highest potential. In order to respect this God-given gift in the child, Montessori discerned that the child needed certain freedoms in a specially prepared environment with a trained adult who would observe and guide the child in his education.

Maria Montessori believed, like Wordsworth, that the "child is father of the man," and so the child Constructs his whole self in his tender years. She wanted children to live and work in a space specifically created for them in which they could fully live, i.e. actualize all their internal potentials, and so fall in love with learning. She called the space the Casa dei Bambini, or Children's House.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is an integral part of the child's self-formation offered at St. Francis Montessori. Sofia Cavalletti, a Hebrew Scripture scholar, and Gianna Gobbi, a student under Maria Montessori, developed the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd religious program based on Montessori’s understanding of the child and his relationship with God. In this program, the children participate in the liturgy and the Scriptures in a way specifically oriented to the child, thus offering the child greater participation in both the Mass and their personal prayer life.

Testimonials

"Watching the group during my classroom observation…I was very impressed with their sense of purpose and responsibility within their order. But above all I return to that fundamental feeling that I have whenever I enter the classroom—a feeling of care, natural learning, harmony, and love."

"St. Francis is a great blessing to our family! Our younger children benefit from quality Montessori education that also fosters their spiritual lives, and we all get to engage a wonderful community."