

## OPENING

Little Way Montessori School will open in January of 2009. We will begin the application process for ages 3-6 on October 1, 2008. All classes will be Monday - Friday. The school hours will begin at 8:15 a.m. for drop-off. Class will begin at 8:30 a.m. for pre-school and extended day students. The school day will end at 12:00 p.m. for preschool and 2:30 p.m. for extended day. All students will provide their own lunches.

## TUITION

**Primary:** \$275/month for 5 day program

This fee is for 3-4 year old children accepted into the school for the half-day program ending at 12:00 p.m.

**Extended:** \$375/month for 5 day program

This fee is for 5-6 year old children accepted into the school for the extended-day program ending at 2:30 p.m.

## FUNDRAISING

Our fundraising goal for this year is \$100,000. This money will go towards building and grounds renovations, the preschool teacher's salary, and pre-school materials and furniture. If you feel called to support Little Way Montessori, please mail donations to:

330 Falls Drive, Tiger, GA 30576  
or call 706.782.2915

## PRAYER

A Saints Prayer for Catholic Schools

Blessed are you, O Lord our God.  
You give us time for growing and learning  
and you give us the gift of Catholic education.

May we, with your servant, Saint Thomas Aquinas, thank you for our school.

And with your servant, Saint John Baptist de La Salle, we thank you for our teachers.

And with your servant, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, we thank you for our learning.

And with your servant, Saint John Bosco, we thank you for our faith.

And with your servant, Saint Katharine Drexel, we thank you for all your gifts to us.

And with your servant, St. Therese of the Child Jesus, we thank you for the Little Way of your love and service to all our brothers and sisters.

As these holy men and women have been your servants, Help us also to serve you and work toward a faith-filled future.

Amen.

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# LITTLE WAY MONTESSORI SCHOOL

AT LIFE TEEN COVECREST



A MONTESSORI SCHOOL IN CATHOLIC TRADITION

THE LITTLE WAY MONTESSORI SCHOOL IS GUIDED BY THE  
EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY OF MARIA MONTESSORI AND  
ASPIRES TO EDUCATE AND NURTURE THE WHOLE CHILD:  
SPIRITUALLY, COGNITIVELY, EMOTIONALLY AND SOCIALLY.



# Vision and Mission

## What is Covecrest?

- Covecrest is a beautiful, Catholic, 85 acre camp and retreat center located in Tiger, Georgia.
- Covecrest is a Catholic community, committed to being a place of ongoing prayer, filled with people striving to make worship a lifestyle.
- The vision for Covecrest embodies the creation of a vibrant Catholic community that welcomes teens, young adults, families, and religious who seek to be revived, refreshed, and renewed. The goal at Covecrest is to build a community where families, singles, and religious are welcome to join us as we, the Body of Christ, experience God as family.
- Little Way Montessori School brings a new element into the Covecrest vision further encompassing the whole family.

## Why Catholic Education?

- Catholic education fosters a better sense of community helping children understand what it means to be part of the Body of Christ, the Church.
- Catholic education fosters a love of the Lord and an appreciation for the richness and beauty of Mother Church.
- Catholic education fosters strong vocations.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON MONTESSORI EDUCATION

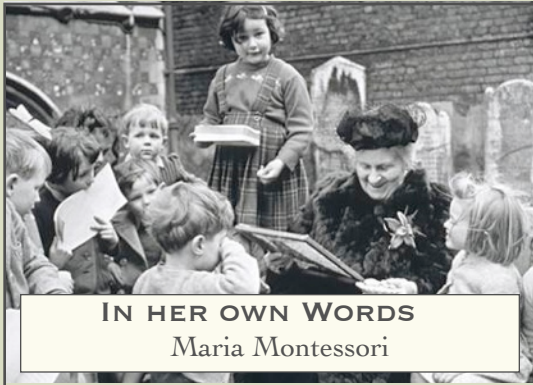
[www.montessori-namta.org](http://www.montessori-namta.org) or  
[www.cgsusa.org](http://www.cgsusa.org)

## Why Montessori?

- In the Montessori preschool in the Catholic tradition, six distinct areas constitute the prepared environment: practical life, sensorial area, mathematics, language arts, cultural activities, and the atrium.
- Little Way Montessori School is dedicated to the education of the whole child through an authentic Catholic approach to spirituality. In this spirituality, the mystery of the Church meets the mystery of the child and the age appropriate curriculum fosters the freedom to explore, create, and become a life-long learner. It also fosters personal dignity, independence, self-discipline, cooperation and respect for others.

## What is Catechesis of the Good Shepherd?

- The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is an Archdiocesan approved approach to the religious formation of children. It is rooted in the Bible, the liturgy of the church, and the educational principles of Maria Montessori. Children gather in an "atrium," a holy room prepared for them, which contains simple yet beautiful materials that they use to draw closer to the heart of God.
- In an atrium, the child can ponder a biblical passage or a prayer from the liturgy by taking the material for that text and working with it - placing wood figures of sheep in a sheepfold of the Good Shepherd, setting sculpted apostles around a Last Supper table, or preparing a small altar with the furnishings used for the Eucharist. Older children who do read often copy parables from the Bible, lay in order written prayers from the rite of baptism, or label a long time line showing the history of the kingdom of God.



### IN HER OWN WORDS

Maria Montessori

*"The child is a miraculous being, and this should be felt deeply by the educator."*

*"...you yourselves must be filled with wonder and when you have acquired that, you are prepared."*

## Little Way Mission Statement

The Little Way Montessori School, guided by the educational philosophy of Maria Montessori, aspires to educate and nurture the whole child: spiritually, cognitively, emotionally, and socially.

- **Spiritual:** An authentic Catholic approach using Good Shepherd Catechesis where the Mystery of the Church meets the mystery of the child.
- **Cognitive:** The Montessori age appropriate curriculum will foster the freedom to explore, create, and become a life-long learner.
- **Social/Emotional:** The communal education, which the child receives, will foster personal dignity, independence, self-discipline, cooperation, and respect for others.