

REGISTRATION FORM

**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Level I**

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How did you hear about this course?

Please send completed registration to:

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**Please register by August 28, 2017.
The course will only take place with
a minimum of 10 participants.**

Payment (see front) can be made at the first day of the course. Make cheques out to CGSAC. To join the CGS Association of Canada, download a membership form from the website: www.cgsac.ca.

Formation Team



Nancy Wood established the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in Winnipeg and has been working in this method for over 20 years. She is Montessori trained and has a MA in pastoral ministry from St. John's University, Collegetown, Minnesota.

She is a recognized formation leader by the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Canadian Association and has given numerous formation courses.

Heather Skublics Lampman is a teacher, a member of the board for the Canadian Association for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, a level 3 catechist, and a recognized CGSAC formation leader. She incorporates Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and Montessori methodology in her music classroom and in sacramental preparation.



She has experience in both Roman Catholic and Anglican contexts.

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For general information about the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd:

www.cgsac.ca
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**Catechesis of the
Good Shepherd**

**Catechist Formation
Program Level I**

**Monthly, Sept. - June
Saturdays, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**



- September 23, 2017**
- October 14, 2017**
- November 4, 2017**
- December 2, 2017**
- January 13, 2018**
- February 10, 2018**
- March 10, 2018**
- April 14, 2018**
- May 12, 2018**
- June 9, 2018**

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish
4588 Roblin Blvd., Winnipeg, MB**

Cost: \$450

Some bursaries may be available.



Introduction

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is a program of Christian formation for children ages 3 through 12. It is based on the teaching methods of Maria Montessori and on the understanding that there is a deep bond between God and each child which produces in the child the desire to draw near to God.

The vision for this faith experience began in Rome in 1954 with Dr. Sofia Cavalletti, a Hebrew Scripture scholar and her co-worker, Gianna Gobbi, a Montessori educator. It has now spread internationally.

In the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, the classroom, called the atrium, is a spiritual environment - a place of worship rather than a traditional classroom. It is a place of work that becomes prayer and conversation with God. It is a prepared environment where children grow in the knowledge of Jesus and His love. The work in the atrium prepares them for involvement in the larger worshipping community.

The hands-on materials in the atrium encourage children to explore and deepen their experiences at their own pace. The children are free to work with materials that represent the essence of the Christian message. The adult's role is to prepare the environment; present works that call forth the child's response; then step back allowing God and the child to work together.



The Training

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd requires training for adults for each level.

Level I is for children ages 3-6

Level II is for children ages 6-9

Level III is for children ages 9-12

The Level I course is the foundation for all three levels of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. It aims to prepare the adults to work, to listen and to learn with children.

Each level of training requires at least 90 hours of training sessions with the following features: lectures, prayer reflections, observations, lesson presentations, materials making, discussions and planning.

To complete the 90 hours, an additional session for materials-making will be arranged with participants. In addition, participants will work on producing a personal album of presentations, and will do observation in a Montessori environment.

Required Texts

- *Religious Potential of the Child, (Vol. 1)* by Sofia Cavalletti.
- *Listening to God with Children: Montessori Principles Applied to the Catechesis of Children*, Gianna Gobbi.
- *The Good Shepherd & the Child: The Joyful Journey* (Revised & Updated), P. Coulter.



Course Objectives

- To explore the religious potential and characteristics of the 3-6 year old child.
- To present the methodology and guiding principles of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.
- To offer guidelines and assistance in preparing an atrium environment and in making catechist album pages and materials.
- To mediate on the scriptural, doctrinal, and liturgical themes presented to the child.
- To broaden the catechist's ability to observe, listen and learn from children.
- To deepen the catechist's prayer life and relationship with God.

"If we want to help the child draw nearer to God, we should with patience and courage seek to go always closer to the vital nucleus of things. This requires study and prayer. The children will be our teachers if we know how to observe them."
Sofia Cavalletti