

REGISTRATION FORM

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Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Association of Canada
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Parish or School Name:		Denomination:
Registrant's Full Name:		
Street Address:		
City:	Province:	Postal Code:
Provide Email address as consent to receive course communications:		
Day Phone:	Other Phone(s):	
CGS LEVEL 1 - Circle <u>one</u>: Part A February 2018 Part B August 2018 Early Bird (before Jan. 20/ June 30) After Early Bird Deadlines		\$200 \$225
CGS Refresher* Circle <u>one</u> (6 days each): Part A Part B * For those individuals who have already received a certificate for CGS Level 1 Training CGSAC Members \$100, non-members \$175 CGSAC Membership # _____ (Must be current 2018)		\$100 \$175
Total Amount of Cheque Enclosed:		
Circle if you require accommodation information:		YES
Signature:		
Please enclose this section with your cheque and forward to: Dorothy Burns c/o 18 Mountain Street, Okotoks, AB T1S 1G5 Or Register on-line at www.cgsac.ca		

ABOUT OUR FORMATION TEAM

Susan Perna is a founding member of the board for the Canadian Association for the *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd*. She began her journey with The *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)* over 30 years ago and has been trained by its founders. She opened and directed the atrium at St Benedict Parish, Toronto for 20 years, serving hundreds of children and has been instrumental in opening several atria. She delights in training adults to become catechists knowing that each adult trained means that even more children will have the chance to experience this work.

Heather Skublics-Lampman is a Level 3 catechist, a teacher, and a recognized CGSAC formation leader. She incorporates CGS and Montessori methodology in her music classroom and sacramental preparation. She has experience in both Roman Catholic and Anglican contexts.

Carolyne-Marie Petch was first introduced to CGS in the fall of 1983 and quickly became involved in making materials for atria. She is a volunteer in her parish atrium in Toronto, is certified in all three Levels of CGS as a catechist and is a recognized formation facilitator. Carolyne-Marie, who has received her CGS training in Toronto, the USA and Rome, continues personal formation in CGS. She has been instructing others in CGS since 1998.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Out of town participants may contact Dorothy Burns to discuss options in proximity to the course.

FINANCIAL AID: Never let financial hardship be a reason to forgo a formation opportunity. Scholarships are available to members through the CGSAC. Application must be made prior to the registration deadline date of February 1st. Please speak with Dorothy Burns for information about the application processes.

For more INFORMATION , please contact:	
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Catechesis of the Good Shepherd



Level 1 Formation Course in two parts

A formation experience for adults working with children aged 3-6 years in a parish, home or school setting.

Part A: February 20 – 25, 2018
Part B: August 20 – 25, 2018

Calgary, AB

Offered in cooperation with:
 The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
 Association of Canada (CGSAC)

Please join us for a
Level 1 Formation Course,
to be held in
Calgary, AB February 2018 and August 2018

Location: Clear Water Academy, Keller Hall
2521 Dieppe Way SW, Calgary

Course Description:

The Level I course lays the foundation of the theology and praxis of the *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* while concretely preparing the participant to develop and facilitate an atrium for 3-6 year old children.

The focus of the Level I is the covenant relationship into which the Good Shepherd calls us by name. This focus is explored through the Infancy Narratives and Messianic prophecies, the Good Shepherd parable and Psalm 23, the Paschal mystery and accounts of the Last Supper, Death and Resurrection of Christ; the signs, symbols and prayers of baptism and Eucharist liturgies, the Kingdom of God parables and the liturgical celebrations of the church – including Pentecost.

Each course includes the following features: group discussions, prayer, reflections, observations, lesson presentations, completion of album pages (lesson plans), materials making, and problem-solving issues such as how to integrate the methodology in existing catechetical or educational programs, or within your own home.

This course will meet for six days, Tuesday- Sunday in February and Monday – Saturday in August, 9 am - 5 pm daily, modified hours Sunday. Lunch will be provided as well as snacks for morning and afternoon breaks.

Course Objectives:

- explore the religious nature & most vital needs of the 3-6 year old child
- present the methodology & guiding principles of the CGS
- broaden the adult's ability to observe & learn from children & to listen with children to scripture
- meditate on the scriptural & liturgical themes presented to the children.
- offer guidelines and assistance in preparing the atrium environment, and in making the catechists' album & catechetical material.

Course Expectations (to receive certification):

- attendance & participation at all sessions (90 hours)
- observation in a 3-6 year old Montessori classroom
- observation in a 3-6 year old Atrium
- submission of required album pages

Required Course Texts for Level 1:

The Religious Potential of the Child: Experiencing Scripture and Liturgy with Young Children.
Sofia Cavalletti, 1992.

Listening to God with Children: The Montessori method applied to the catechesis of children.
Gianna Gobbi & Rebekah Rojcewicz, 2002.

The Good Shepherd and the Child: A Joyful Journey, Revised and Updated. Sofia Cavalletti; Patricia Coulter; Gianna Gobbi; Silvana Q. Montanaro, M.D.; Rebekah Rojcewicz, 2013

Further references will be supplied at registration. To purchase books contact Paula Sabatini.

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

The *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* (CGS) is a Christian formation for children ages 3 through 12. Level I is for children 3-6 years, Level II is for children 6-9 years, and Level III is for children 9-12 years. The CGS 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.



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 perceived as 'holy ground' where Christ may be encountered in Word and action; a place for community and worship where the spiritual life of the child is nurtured; and 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 children for involvement in the liturgical life of the larger worshipping community.

Children are free to work with materials that represent the essence of the Christian message. These hands-on materials encourage children to explore and deepen their experiences at their own pace. The catechist's role is to prepare the environment and materials; present works that call forth the child's response; then step back, allowing God and the child to work together. The CGS requires formation & training for the adult catechists for each level.

The vision for the CGS 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 to 37 countries around the world, including Canada.

Learn more about CGS in Canada at: cgsac.ca