

## REGISTRATION FORM

Please make cheque payable to:  
***Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Association of Canada***  
 You are registered when payment is received.

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):	
<b>CGS LEVEL 1 Part A July 2018</b> CGSAC Membership # _____ (Must be current 2018) Early Bird (before April 1 <sup>st</sup> ) \$300 After Early Bird Deadlines \$325 Non CGSAC member \$375		
<b>CGS Refresher</b> (For those individuals who have already received a certificate for CGS Level 1 Training) \$100 <b>Make-up fees</b> (per day rate) \$ 70		
<b>Registration fee</b> (all participants) \$ 35		
<b>Total Amount of Cheque Enclosed:</b>		
<b>Circle if you require accommodation information:</b>		YES
<b>Signature:</b>		
Please enclose this section with your cheque and forward to: Sarah MacDonald-McLean – 32 Westpark Dr. Ottawa, ON K1B 3E5		

## 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.

**Annette Witte** began her journey in the Catechist in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in 1996. She became a Level I Formation Leader in 2010 and a Level II Formation Leader in 2016. She is the lead catechist in Levels I and II at Immaculate Heart of Mary and Level III at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in their after school formation programs and assists in Level II at St. Thomas school. Annette holds a Master's of Pastoral Studies from Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis, MO. She and her husband, Joe, have five children and three grandchildren and live in Grand Rapids, MI.

### ACCOMMODATIONS:

Out of town participants may contact Sarah MacDonald-McLean 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 May 15<sup>th</sup>. Please speak with Joe Tanel for information about the application processes. By e-mail at joetanel@yahoo.com, by phone at 416-574-4039 or mail scholarship application to 81 Rosewell Ave, Toronto M4R 2K2

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



### Level 1 Formation Course

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

**Part A: July 9 – 14, 2018**

**Ottawa, ON**

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  
Ottawa, ON July 9 – 14, 2018

**Location:** The Good Shepherd Parish  
3092 Innes Road, Ottawa ON, K1W 1C8

### 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 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Montessori-based religious formation program for children, beginning at the age of three. It seeks to create and facilitate a sacred, "hands-on" space for children in which both the children and the catechist can hear, ponder and celebrate the most essential mysteries of the Christian faith as revealed in the scriptures and the liturgy.

Each course includes the following features: presentations group discussions, prayer, reflections, observations of children, completion of album pages, materials making, and problem-solving.

A complete course syllabus is available upon request.

**Part A of this course will meet for six days, Monday July 9<sup>th</sup> to Saturday July 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am to 5:00pm. Participants are asked to bring a bagged lunch. Coffee, tea, cold drinks, water and pot-luck snacks will be provided.**

**Please bring your bible.**

### Course Objectives:

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

### Expectation of Participants:

- attendance & participation at all sessions (90 hours total for Parts A and B)
- 10 hours minimum of observation in a level 1 atrium and/or a Montessori classroom for 3-6 year olds
- 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. ISBN 0-929650-67-0

*Listening to God with Children: The Montessori Method Applied to the Catechesis of Children.*  
Gianna Gobbi & Rebekah Rojcewicz, 2002.  
ISBN 1-886510-14-8

*The Good Shepherd and the Child: A Joyful Journey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition,* Sofia Cavalletti; Patricia Coulter; Gianna Gobbi; Silvana Q. Montanaro, M.D.; Rebekah Rojcewicz, 2013  
ISBN 978-1-61671-178-8

Books can be ordered through Amazon.ca or Joseph's Inspirational Inc.

### 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.



In the *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd*, the prepared environment, is called the atrium. The atrium is a place of prayer, in which work and study spontaneously become meditation, contemplation and prayer. It is a place in which the only Teacher is Christ; where both children and adults place themselves in a listening stance before his Word and seek to penetrate the mystery of the Liturgical celebration.

This retreat-like environment is a sacred space where children grow in the knowledge of Jesus' love for them, and 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 scholar of Hebrew Scripture, and her collaborator, Gianna Gobbi, a Montessori educator. It has now spread to 37 countries around the world, including Canada.

Learn more about *CGS* in Canada at: [www.cgsac.ca](http://www.cgsac.ca)