

Registration Form

Please return this form with payment by **Jan. 8, 2019** to Nicole Snook, 19 Quartz Drive, Halifax, N.S. B3P 0E3 **or register & pay on-line at www.cgsac.ca**

You are registered when payment is received.

I consent to receive course communications from CGSAC.

Name: _____
(as it should appear on your certificate)

Address: _____

_____ PC: _____

Email: _____

Phone _____

CGSAC Member # _____

Parish or School _____

Religious Affiliation (circle)

RC **Anglican** **Orthodox** **Lutheran** **Other** _____

Level 1 course _____
(place & date)

Course Fees: fill in fees that apply:

Session 1 Tuition \$350 due Jan 8, 2019 \$ _____

Session 2 Tuition \$350 due April 1, 2019 \$ _____

Make up day \$20 / day* \$ _____

Audit (Refresher) \$20 / day* \$ _____

Not a CGSAC member? add \$75 \$ _____

Total Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Make cheques payable to CGSAC

or register & pay on-line at www.cgsac.ca

Food allergies? _____

Do you require accommodation?

Check in _____ Check out _____
MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

Do you need childcare in order to attend the formation course? Yes ____ No ____.

If so, what are the ages of your children? _____

* Level 1 catechists are welcome to take a refresher or make up days missed previously.

The Formation Team



Susan Perna is a founding member of CGSAC. She began her journey with The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 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.



Carolyne-Marie Petch is a catechist and formation facilitator for levels 1-3.

As one of the founders of CGSAC she is a long standing member of the formation team. Carolyne-Marie continues to "listen to God with children" as a catechist in all 3 levels in her parish atrium in Toronto. She received her initial formation from Sofia Cavalletti, Gianna Gobbi, and Patricia Coulter.

Financial Aid

Never let financial hardship be a reason to avoid formation. The Ed Krupica Scholarship Fund is available to members for tuition assistance. Please contact Joe Tanel for an application form before **Dec. 31, 2018** at joetanel@yahoo.com, 416-574-4039.

Not a CGSAC Member?

Go to www.cgsac.ca for a membership application.

Snacks & Meals

Coffee and tea will be provided. Please bring a bagged lunch and your own reusable water bottle. Your contributions towards "pot-luck" snacks are most appreciated.

For More Information Contact

Nicole Snook, 902-430-6333
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The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Association of Canada

Level 1 Course

A formation experience for adults working with the 3-6 year-old child in a parish or school setting

St. Agnes Roman Catholic Church
6903 Mumford Road, Halifax N.S. B3L 0A4

Session 1: February 5-10, 2019

Session 2: April 29-May 4, 2019

Time: 9: a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Montessori-based religious formation for children starting at the age of 3. It seeks to create and facilitate a sacred, 'hands-on' space for children called an atrium, in which both the children and their catechists can listen, ponder and celebrate the most profound mysteries of the Christian faith as revealed in Scripture and Liturgy. Founded in Rome by Sofia Cavalletti and Gianna Gobbi in 1954, the Catechesis has spread world-wide and is used by various Christian traditions to nurture the child's relationship with Jesus.

The course is presented in the Roman Catholic tradition but includes awareness of material adaptations to the Anglican, Lutheran and Orthodox traditions.

There are three levels of training for adults interested in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd:

Level 1 for children 3-6 years of age

Level 2 for children 6-9 years of age

Level 3 for children 9-12 years of age

Level 1 training must be completed before beginning Level 2 and Level 2 training must be completed before beginning Level 3.

The Level 1 course lays the foundation of the theory and practices of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for all three levels of CGS. This 90+ hour course concretely prepares the adult to work, to listen to the Word of God and to learn with and from children.



Expectations of Participants

1. 100% attendance and engagement in group discussions, prayer and in simulated presentations using the materials.
2. 10 hours minimum observation in a level 1 atrium and / or Montessori casa.
3. Submit a minimum of 10 completed personal album pages from 5 different subjects.
4. Complete mandatory course readings.

Mandatory Course Reading

1. **The Religious Potential of the Child.** Sofia Cavalletti.
Chicago LTP 1992. ISBN 0-929650-67-0
2. **The Good Shepherd and the Child, A Joyful Journey**, 2nd Edition.
Sofia Cavalletti, Patricia Coulter, Gianna Gobbi, Silvano Quattrocchi Montanaro M.D., Rebekah Rojcewicz.
LTP Chicago 2013. ISBN 978-1-61671-178-8
3. **Mustard Seed Preaching**
Ann M. Garrido.
LTP 2004. ISBN 1-56854-555-X
4. **The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in a Parish Setting**
Tina Lillig.
LTP Chicago 1998. ISBN 1-56854-262-3
5. **Listening to God with Children**
Gianna Gobi, Treehaus Communications 1998.
ISBN 1-886510-14-8

Order books in advance through Veritas Catholic Books by Jan. 8 2019 at 902-429-7216
veritashfx@gmail.com or from CGSUSA.org

Bring your bible!

Course Objectives

1. To explore the methodology and guiding principles of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for the 3-6 year old child.
2. To explore the religious nature and the spiritual needs and capacities of the child.
3. To meditate on the mystery of the incarnation and the paschal mystery through the scriptural accounts shared with children.
4. To offer guidelines and assistance in preparing an atrium, writing album pages and making materials.
5. To deepen the participant's ability to observe and learn from children, and to discuss the challenges of engaging the child in the work of Level 1.

