

# Catechesis of the Good Shepherd



## **Level I Formation Course for Catechists**

A formation experience for catechists working with 3-6 year old children.

### **Dates and Times**

**Part 1:** June 3-8, 2022; 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Sunday, June 5, 9:30-1:00 p.m.)

**Part 2:** August 27-28, 2022; October 8-9, 2022 (Saturdays, 8:30-4:00, Sundays 1:00-5:00 p.m.)

January 14-16, 2023 (Saturday, 8:30-4:00, Sunday 1:00-5:00 p.m., Monday 8:30-2:00 p.m.)

### **Location**

St. Gertrude Church  
6543 Miami Ave.  
Cincinnati, OH 45243

### **CGS OVERVIEW**

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is a Christian education process for children ages 3 through 12 in which they experience and form an authentic, faithful relationship with God. Inspired by Maria Montessori's principles of education, the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd was created in 1954 in Rome by Dr. Sofia Cavalletti, a biblical scholar, and Professor Gianna Gobbi, a Montessori-trained educator of children and teachers.

### **YOUR INVITATION**

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd requires training for adults at each level or age group. Level I is for children ages 3-6, Level II is for children ages 6-9 and Level III is for children ages 9-12. Each level of training requires 90 hours of lectures, lesson presentations, material making, and atrium observations. You are invited to participate in a Level I formation training for adults.

### **LEVEL I FORMATION COURSE OBJECTIVES**

- To present the methodology and guiding principles of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd as it especially pertains to the 3-6 year old child.
- To explore the religious nature and the most vital needs of the 3-6 year old child.
- To meditate on the Biblical and Liturgical themes presented to the 3-6 year old child.
- To develop the catechist's observation skills.
- To provide an environment of support and encouragement to deepen our own enjoyment of God.

- To offer guidelines and assistance in preparing the Level I atrium environment, and in making the catechist's album and catechetical material.

**REGISTRATION AND TUITION PAYMENT** (If you have questions or concerns with online registration and payment, please contact Mary Beth Dickert)

1. Please visit [MyStGertrude Events Page](#) to submit a non-refundable deposit of \$50.00. Select [CGS Catechist Formation: Registration Deposit](#). Click "Tickets" and follow the prompts to complete payment and select Level One training. This \$50 non-refundable registration deposit is due by **Monday, April 25, 2022**.
2. To complete your registration and payment for training, click on [CGS Level One Catechist Formation](#). Please select from the following ticket options listed. You can make this payment in one or two installments.
  - a. St. Gertrude Parishioners (giving two-year commitment to CGS at St. Gertrude)
  - b. Non-parishioners who are current CGSUSA members: \$400
  - c. Non-parishioners who are non-CGSUSA members: \$450\*

\*This \$450 tuition fee includes a one-year membership in CGSUSA. This membership gives access to online material manuals, journal articles, and other resources.

**Notes:**

- A National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level I Certificate will be granted to all participants who complete the entire course requirements. The \$35 payment for this certificate is included in the course tuition.
- Each participant is responsible for purchasing the books needed; these will be listed in the welcome letter you will receive upon registration.
- **Space is limited. Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.**

**CONTACT INFORMATION for Course Registration:**

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**DAN TELLER: LEVEL I FORMATION LEADER**

- CGS formation at Levels I, II and III
- Catechist experience at Levels I, II, and III
- Currently Level II and III catechist at The Good Shepherd Catholic Montessori
- Founder and Catechist, The Good Shepherd Catholic Montessori
- 14 years experience as a 3-6 Montessori teacher
- Masters in Montessori Education (Xavier University, 1984)
- Montessori certification, American Montessori Society
- Former Board Member, National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- American Catholic representative to the International Consiglio of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- Trained under Betty Hissong, Linda Kaiel, Rebekah Rojcewicz, and Tina Lillig