

Tuition for Part 1

Diocese of Lansing Parishioner: \$250
Non-Diocese of Lansing Parishioner: \$350

A \$100 nonrefundable deposit must be remitted with registration by June 30, 2020 to hold your seat in this course. The remainder of the tuition is due by August 3, 2020.

Class size is limited to 25 participants.

Please make checks or money orders payable to St. Thomas the Apostle (attn. 3-6 Training).

Registration Form

CGS Level One Formation
August 3-8, 2020 and August 2-7, 2021

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Parish/School

Affiliation: _____

**Please Note any dietary needs or allergies*

You will be notified by email that your registration was received.

The Formation Leaders

Pam Turchi has been involved in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd since 2007. She assisted in building Level I, II and III at St. Robert in Flushing, has been a catechist in all three atria, and was certified as a Level One Formation Leader in 2018.

Hannah Turchi began her journey with Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in 2011, and is a catechist and Director of Religious Education at St. Robert Bellarmine, Flushing. In 2018, Hannah was certified as a Level One Formation Leader, and is currently enrolled in the Pastoral Studies and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (MAPS-CGS) graduate program at Aquinas Institute in St. Louis, MO.

Course Coordinator

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The Catechesis Of the Good Shepherd



Level One (ages 3-6) Catechist Formation Course

Part I August 3-8, 2020
9am-5pm
Part II August 2-7, 2021
9am-5pm

St. Thomas the Apostle
530 Elizabeth Street
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
Diocese of Lansing

About the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is an approach to the religious formation of children, 3-12 years of age. It originated in 1954 with the founding of the children's center or "atrium" in Rome by Sofia Cavalletti, a biblical scholar, and Gianna Gobbi, an educator of children and teachers.

The goal of Level One (ages 3-6) of The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is to help the child enjoy and be in love with God, first proclaimed as Jesus, the Good Shepherd. Such a relationship is the strongest possible foundation for life-long spiritual growth and moral living.

Children hear the Gospel by working with sensorially rich, but simple materials, keyed to scriptural or liturgical moments. Central to this program is the Atrium, a sacred space prepared for the children. A place of beauty, the atrium is designed for being with and enjoying God, listening to God's Word, and praying.

Implementation of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd requires training for adults at each level or age group: Level One focuses on children ages 3-6. The training course features 100 hours of lectures, participation in discussions, lesson presentations, assistance with preparing materials and the catechist's album. The Level One course is foundational for all three levels of CGS.

At the end of this course, the participants will receive certification for Level 1 from the National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. (www.cgsusa.org)

3-6 Course Objectives

- To explore the religious nature and the most vital religious needs of the 3-6 year old child.
- To present the methodology and guiding principles of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.
- To broaden the catechist's ability to observe and learn from children, to listen with children to scripture and to deepen the catechist's enjoyment of God's presence.
- To offer guidelines and assistance in preparing the "atrium" environment, developing the catechist's teaching album, and making catechetical materials.
- To meditate on the scriptural and liturgical themes presented to the 3-6 year old.

Course Dates

Part I: August 3-8, 2020 9am-5pm

Part II: August 2-7, 2021 9am-5pm

Morning and afternoon snacks, as well as a light lunch, will be provided.

Three Required Texts

The Religious Potential of the Child (Sofia Cavalletti)
Listening to God with Children (Gianna Gobbi) and
The Good Shepherd and the Child, A Joyful Journey.

Order from the National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

www.cgsusa.org.

Phone 708-524-1210

Or from Liturgical Training Publications at

www.ltp.org.

**Please purchase prior to the course as there will be preparatory reading assigned.*

Other Recommended Reading:

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in a Parish Setting (by Tina Lillig) and *The Development of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* (by Sofia Cavalletti).

