



# CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

## Level I: Formation Course (children ages 3-6)

*“Help me to come closer to God, by myself.”*

This introductory course for adults will explore the foundations of an internationally recognized approach to the religious education of children known as the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

*The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* highlights essential aspects of the Christian message that nurture a child’s need to love and be loved and a child’s capacity to enjoy God’s presence in his or her life.

The Level 1 formation course offers an orientation to the theological concepts fundamental to this ministry with children. It introduces the foundational biblical and liturgical themes that we present to children, through a combination of conversation, reflection and presentation -- these delivered as we would share them with children. The course also offers opportunities to work with Montessori-style, catechetical materials that have been designed to nurture children’s prayer.

This 90-hour course is especially designed for those who are interested in or already involved in caring for the spiritual lives of children, in a home, parish or school setting. It is a prerequisite for further adult formation courses in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Certificate Program (Levels II and III).

### REQUIRED TEXTS

- *The Religious Potential of the Child*, Sofia Cavalletti
- *The Good Shepherd and the Child: A Joyful Journey*, Sofia Cavalletti
- *Listening to God With Children*, Gianna Gobbi
- Please bring your Bible to each session

These publications are available through Joseph’s Inspirational Services: 416-291-1772 or [www.josephsinspirational.ca](http://www.josephsinspirational.ca)

### FORMATION FACILITATORS

- Kathleen Ennis
- Paola Azzuolo

### SCHEDULE

**Part 1:** 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**2019:** September 28, October 26, November 30

**2020:** January 25, February 29, March 28, April 25, May 30

**Part 2:** 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**2020:** September 26, October 24, November 28

**2021:** January 30, February 27, March 27, April 24, May 29

### LOCATION

Holy Cross Parish

14400 Argyll Rd. Georgetown ON L7G 0B9

### REGISTER

Please register at

[www.archtoronto.org/  
catechesis-good-shepherd](http://www.archtoronto.org/catechesis-good-shepherd)

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*“To know, at least to some degree, the true nature of the child means to help the child in ways that will allow him or her to develop as ... one who is in right relationship with self, with God, and with others.”*

GIANNA GOBBI