



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Archdiocese of Toronto

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD FORMATION

*With formation in the
Catechesis of the Good
Shepherd you don't just
learn a method,
you become a catechist:
"a keeper of the
memory of God"*

(Directory for Catechesis)

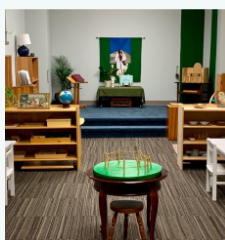


THE CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is a scriptural and liturgical catechesis for children rooted in the Montessori tradition that takes a child's natural capacity for wonder as essential to the development of a religious sensibility. The Catechesis thus begins as an education to wonder, trusting that "when wonder becomes a fundamental attitude of our spirit it will confer a religious character to our whole life" (Cavalletti).

THE PREPARED ENVIRONMENT

The Atrium is a room prepared as a sacred space for children, where they can spend time pondering the most essential mysteries of the Catholic faith through work with handmade catechetical materials. Separate environments are prepared for children in first and second planes of development.



BECOME A CATECHIST

The **Level I Formation Course** prepares participants to serve children aged 3-6 in the Level I Atrium.

The **Level II Formation Course** prepares participants to serve children aged 6-9 in the Level II Atrium and to offer the CGS-method of preparation for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion."

In both courses:

- Seminars on the religious needs and capacities of children offer an orientation to fundamental biblical and liturgical themes.
- Delivered as they would be for children, presentations demonstrate how each of the handmade catechetical materials assists children in prayer.
- Practice includes hands-on experience with catechetical materials and the creation of a personal "album" of presentations for children.

"HELP ME TO COME TO GOD BY MYSELF"

COURSE INFORMATION

1. Level I Formation Course, Part A:

ONLINE SESSION: June 25, 2024,
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

IN-PERSON SESSIONS: July 8 – 13, 2024,
9:00 am to 4:30 pm

2. Level II Formation Course, Part A:

ONLINE SESSION: June 29, 2024,
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

IN-PERSON SESSIONS: July 8 – 13, 2024,
9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Location:

De La Salle College "Oaklands,"
131 Farnham Ave., Toronto, ON M4V 1H7

Fee: \$200 for Part A

The CGSAC standard tuition has been underwritten to \$200, made possible through the generosity of the Archdiocese of Toronto.

Register online:

www.archtoronto.org/cgsformation

Registration is for either Part A of the Level I Course or for Part A of the Level II Course (the first 45 hours). *Please be sure to register for the correct level.* Both Part A and Part B must be completed for certification at a particular level. Part B will follow a similar schedule in July 2025.



LEVEL I, PART A 2024 FORMATION FACILITATORS



Ellen Schlosser

A nationally recognized Level 1 Formation Leader for CGS, currently a catechist and coordinator of CGS for two local parishes in the US



Rosella Lucchitti

A CGS catechist for over 20 years, currently the CGS coordinator at St. Benedict's Parish

LEVEL II, PART A 2024 FORMATION FACILITATORS



Kathleen Ennis

A CGS catechist since 1984, currently a catechist at Corpus Christi Parish



Anna Boyagoda

A CGS catechist at Corpus Christi Parish and Director of the CGS office for the Archdiocese of Toronto

