

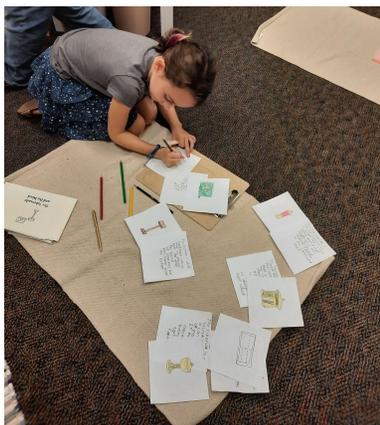
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 1 Formation

\$ 600 per participant

\$300 Level 1: Part 1

\$300 Level 1: Part 2

(Fee is waived for any parishioner willing to commit to 2 years being a catechist in an SLDM atrium.)



Questions?

Contact Kaitlyn Armiger at
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"If God is presented to the child through tangible and meaningful activities, it will do more for the child than just arouse interest; it will create in the child a sense of joy, admiration, and wonder."

-Maria Montessori



This course is offered in cooperation with the National Association of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.
www.cgsusa.org

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd



Level 1: Part 1 Formation Course

For those interested in working with children ages 3-6

July 10 - 16, 2023 (Level 1: Part 1)
TBD Summer 2024 (Level 1: Part 2)

at **St. Louis de Montfort Catholic Church in Fishers, IN**

Monday - Saturday 8:45am - 4:00pm
Sunday 1:00pm - 4:00pm

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is an approach to the religious formation of children, 3-12 years of age, based on the conviction that God and the child are in relationship.

Inspired by Montessori methodology, this catechetical approach was further developed by Dr. Sofia Cavalletti, a scripture scholar, and Gianna Gobbi, a Montessori educator.

Their collaboration began in Rome in 1954, and led to the founding of the method now called, "The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd" or CGS.

This Catholic method of religious formation is now used internationally by churches and schools of various faiths. Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity and the teaching order of Dominicans in Nashville have employed CGS in some settings.

*The Level 1 course is the foundation for all three Levels of the CGS formation.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- To explore the religious nature and the most vital religious needs of the 3 to 6 year old child.
- To present the methodology and guiding principles of CGS and Montessori education.
- 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, making the catechists' album and designing catechetical material.
- To meditate on the scriptural and Catholic liturgical themes presented to the 3-6 year old child.

SUE JETT, LEVEL I FORMATION LEADER

Sue Jett first began implementing the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in 2003 while teaching



at St. Peter's Catholic School in Beaufort, SC. She is certified in Levels I, II, and III and became a formation leader in 2010 after receiving her Master of Arts degree in the discipline of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd from Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis, MO. Sue has directed religious education programs in the dioceses of Milwaukee, Chicago, and NW Indiana and has facilitated the development of CGS in several parishes. She currently serves as a Level 1 Catechist at St. James the Less in Highland, IN and works with lower-elementary children at the Montessori Children's Schoolhouse in Hammond, IN. Sue is a wife, mother, and grandmother, and she looks forward to sharing the gift of CGS and getting to know others who have been called to participate in formation courses.

CERTIFICATION

The National Association certificate will be issued upon completion of the course (Parts 1 & 2). This certificate honors your full attendance and participation in the full course. The certificate fee is included in the tuition.

Registration Form

*Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 1
Part 1 Formation Course*

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Church/School: _____

Denomination: _____

Do you plan on assisting with the CGS program at St. Louis de Montfort Catholic Church for 2 years? (Fee will be waived.)

Please include a brief paragraph about your interest in CGS and any previous work with children:

**OR Register Online @
www.sldmfishers.org**

\$50 Deposit due at time of registration
Please return this registration form to St. Louis de Montfort. Make checks payable to: St. Louis de Montfort Catholic Church