

Tuition for Part One

August 5-8, 10-13

Diocese of Lansing Member: **\$300**

All others: **\$400**

A \$100 nonrefundable deposit must be remitted with registration by June 30, 2020 to hold your seat in this course. The remainder of Part one tuition is due by August 5, 2020.

Please make checks or money orders payable to St. Thomas the Apostle (attn. 6-9 Training), or use electronic link at StThomasAnnArbor.org

Registration Form

CGS Level II Formation

August 5-8, 10-13 2020

August 4-7, 9-12 2021

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Parish/School

Affiliation: _____

Date of Level I certification: _____

**Please note any dietary needs or allergies, lunch and snacks will be provided.*

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

To make an electronic payment, visit St. Thomas website. Select "Giving" from the top menu bar. Select "Give Online" from the dropdown menu. Set up an account or Select Quick Give option. Select "Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level II" as the fund from the list of funds.

The Formation Leaders

Annette Witte has been a CGS catechist for over 20 years and a certified CGS formation leader for 10 years, providing formation and guidance in the CGS method of Faith Formation. Her formation has included Levels I, II, and III. Currently, she assists children in Level II at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Grand Rapids, MI. Annette holds a Master's of Pastoral Studies from Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis, MO. She and her husband, Joe, have five children and three grandchildren.

Marie Farage is a certified Montessori guide and a CGS catechist serving children in Levels I, II and III. She teaches at Lighthouse at McMillan in Muskegon, MI

Course Coordinator

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The Catechesis Of the Good Shepherd

Level II (ages 6-9)



Catechist Formation Course

Part One August 5-8 and August 10-13, 2020
8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Part Two August 4-7 and August 9-12, 2021
8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

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

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.

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 I focuses on children ages 3-6, Level II focuses on children ages 6-9, Level III focuses on children ages 9-12.

Level II catechist formation is for adults seeking to serve children who are six to nine years old (or first through third grade). This training is at least 96 hours and continues the themes first introduced in Level I catechist formation. It expands upon those themes according to the developmental needs and capacities of this age child. New themes are also introduced at this level especially around the History of the Kingdom of God, Moral Parables, and the sacrament of Holy Eucharist. Sacramental preparation is also a key component of this catechist formation.

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

6-9 Course Objectives

- To explore the religious nature and the most vital needs of the 6-9-year-old child.
- To present the history, methodology, and guiding principles of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.
- To meditate on biblical and liturgical themes appropriate for the 6-9-year-old child.
- To broaden the participant's ability to observe and learn from the child, to listen with the child to Scripture, and to assist the child's prayer.
- To offer guidelines and assistance in preparing the atrium environment, making the catechetical materials, and writing the catechist's album pages.
- To deepen the participant's own enjoyment of God's gifts.

Course Dates

Part One: August 5-8, 10-13, 2020 **8:30 – 4:30**

Part Two: August 4-7, 9-12, 2021 **8:30 – 4:30**

Registration is limited to 20 participants

Completion of Level I course is required.

Required Texts

Religious Potential of the Child 6 to 12 Years Old by Sofia Cavalletti

History of the Kingdom of God, Part 1: From Creation to Parousia by Sofia Cavalletti

History of the Kingdom of God, Part 2: Liturgy and the Building of the Kingdom by Sofia Cavalletti

Religious Potential of the Child (Vol 1) by Sofia Cavalletti

Listening to God with Children: Montessori Principles Applied to the Catechesis of Children, by Gianna Gobbi

The Good Shepherd & the Child: The Joyful Journey, by Patricia Coulter

Other recommended text:

Ways to Nurture the Relationship with God, by Sofia Cavalette and Patricia Coulter

You can purchase these from the CGS website CGSUSA.org. You are encouraged to purchase these publications in advance so that you can become familiar with the content.