

# Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

## Level I Formation Course



Dear CGS Level I Course Participants:

I am looking forward to beginning our journey together in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd! Our Level I course introduces participants to the spiritual capacities and needs of the 3–6-year-old child and how to serve the child’s spiritual formation. This letter includes basic information to help you prepare for our course.

### Course location:

All Saints Parish, St Joseph Campus  
Good Shepherd Center  
7536 Church Lane, W. Harrison, IN 47060 (St.Leon)

### Course dates (all dates are Saturdays):

- Part 1: 2023: March 11, April 15, May 13, June 17, July 29, Aug 5
- Part 2: 2023: Sept. 9, October 7, Dec. 2; 2024: Jan. 13, Feb. 3, March 2

### Course Schedule:

- Course Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. ***Please arrive several minutes early so we can start on time each day.***
- [Here](#) is a link to the course schedule.

### Hospitality

Light snacks and refreshments will be provided daily.. We suggest you bring a refillable water bottle for daily use. Participants should bring their own lunch, but as the course develops a communal pot-luck lunch system may be developed according to people’s desires.

### Course Content and Material Making

Our content will alternate between presentations, documentation of presentations (album pages), and adult reflections. As the course progresses, time will be allotted for hands-on use of materials, practice presentations, material making, and album page writing.

### Supplies

Please bring your preferred supplies for note-taking (i.e., paper/pen, laptop). Eventually, you will want a 3-ring binder (3” recommended) and tab dividers for creating a personal album of presentations. Plastic page protectors are helpful. Personal photography is an excellent way to record material design for future reference.

### Certification

Upon completion of the Level I Formation Course, participants will be eligible to be certified as a Level One Catechesis by the National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. In order to receive a certificate from the National Association, participants are required to attend at least 80% of the course or develop a plan with the formation leader for making up

missed content. If you are unable to attend certain sessions, I will help you identify ways to make up the missed content. However, 'duplicate classes' will not be offered for those missing a particular session.

You will also be asked to spend time observing in a Montessori and/or atrium environment as part of the certification process.

### **Required Primary Sources**

Each participant should obtain the following primary CGS sources. These are available on Amazon and also through the National Association at [www.cgsusa.org](http://www.cgsusa.org).

Cavalletti, Sofia. *Religious Potential of the Child* (3rd ed.). Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications (RPC)

Coulter, Patricia et al. *The Good Shepherd and the Child: A Joyful Journey* (2nd ed.). Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications. (JJ)

[Commemorative Journal: Gianna Gobbi 1919-2002](#)

### **Recommended Background Reading**

The syllabus includes recommended reading, and this reading is best completed prior to each course meeting. It is not required but will certainly enrich your formation experience. The book *Listening to God with Children* is currently out of print and you may not be able to procure a copy. I will provide copies of excerpted chapters for this as the course unfolds.

### **Additional Resources**

I have compiled a list of all additional resources that will be shared during the course on [this document](#). This will be explained as the course progresses.

### **Contact**

For questions about course logistics, please contact **Cyndi Voegele & Teresa Callahan, [aspatrium@gmail.com](mailto:aspatrium@gmail.com)**, the course coordinator: **Cyndi or Teresa, 513-479-1305**.

For questions about course content, please contact Dan Teller, the formation leader: 513-706-5790 or [danteller99@gmail.com](mailto:danteller99@gmail.com).

I am very much looking forward to beginning our wonderful journey into the spiritual life of the young child, and the profound way that the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd nurtures not only the young child's spiritual growth, but that of adults as well.

Sincerely in Christ,

Dan Teller