



THE
CATECHESIS
OF
THE GOOD
SHEPHERD

Level I Formation Course
St. Thomas the Apostle Church
5467 S. Woodlawn Ave
Chicago, IL

A religious formation experience for adults interested in working with children ages 3 to 6, offered in cooperation with the National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Montessori based method of children's religious formation developed by Sofia Cavalletti and Gianna Gobbi and grounded in the Bible and the liturgy.

3-6 Formation Course Objectives

- ❖ To present the methodology and the guiding principles of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd as it especially pertains to the 3 to 6 year old child.
- ❖ To explore the religious nature and the most vital religious needs of the 3 to 6 year old child
- ❖ To meditate on the biblical and liturgical themes presented to the 3 to 6 year old child
- ❖ To offer guidelines and assistance in preparing the Level I atrium environment and in making the catechist's album and catechetical materials

Dates

Part 1. 2015: Sept 19, Oct 17, Nov 21, Dec 19
2016: Jan 16, Feb 20, Mar 19, Apr 16, May 21
Part 2. 2016: Sept 17, Oct 15, Nov 19, Dec 17
2017: Jan 21, Feb 18, Mar 18, Apr 8

Formation Team

Carol Cade. Carol heard about the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in 1987 and knew this formation was what she wanted for herself and for her own children. She has completed all three formation levels. She is a catechist at Church of Our Saviour Episcopal Church in Chicago in the 3-6 year old atrium where two of the children that were in the first atrium there are now catechists with her. Carol is also a catechist at St. Teresa of Avila and enjoys leading adult formation courses. She is a spiritual director, an iconographer and she and her husband, Willie, own a small computer refurbishing and recycling company. They are the parents of four grown children.

Kate Lynch. Kate has her Masters degree in Pastoral Studies with an emphasis in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd from the Aquinas Institute. She is the Director of Religious Education at St. Teresa of Avila in Chicago, which offers Catechesis of the Good Shepherd at all three levels. Kate has been a catechist in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for 19 years. She has helped establish atriums in three parishes and is trained and works in all three levels. In addition to her work in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Kate gives workshops on contemplative prayer, lectio divina and other forms of prayer.

Registration

Course will meet on Saturdays from 9 AM to 4 PM.

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Tuition* is \$785.00. To register, please complete the registration form below and mail it along with a non-refundable tuition deposit** of **\$150.00** to

St. Thomas the Apostle
5467 S. Woodlawn Ave.
Chicago, IL 60615
Attn: Paola Tai, CGS Level I Formation Course

Payment of \$317.50 for Part 1 is due on or before **September, 19, 2015.**

Payment of \$317.50 for Part 2 is due on or before **September, 17, 2016.**

*Tuition includes a mandatory certificate fee of \$35. Certificates are awarded by the National Association of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd upon completion of both Part 1 and Part 2 of Level I formation to recognize full attendance and participation.

**Deposits are transferable, but not refundable. A minimum enrollment of 8 participants must be met by 9/1/15, or the course may be cancelled and deposits returned.

Questions: Julie McCauley, julianne.mcc@gmail.com, 773-288-3968 or

Diane Hall, d-hall@uchicago.edu, 773-702-5853

Registration Form

Level 1 Formation Course

St. Thomas the Apostle, 5467 S. Woodlawn Ave., Chicago, IL 60615

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Name: _____

Email address: _____

Street address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Church/Denomination: _____

Current Member of CGSUSA: _____ Yes

To renew or become a member of CGSUSA, please visit the website: www.cgsusa.org

Please return this form with the deposit check of \$150.00 payable to **St. Thomas the Apostle Church**, to the attention of Paola Tai, CGS Level I Formation Course, at the above address.