

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Current CGS Member? *Yes* _____ *No* _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Parish: _____

Parish Address: _____

Do you intend to participate in an atrium? _____

If so, where? _____

Tuition is \$500.00 for the full course.

Registration Fee: \$50.00

Remaining Tuition Due:

\$450.00 by first day of class. 9/23/23

(Incremental payments by part also accepted:

\$200 9/23/23 and \$250 due 3/2/23)

Make checks payable to:

Quiet Waters, Inc.

Please return this form to:

Tracy Tremblay

11045 Ketchum Road

North Collins, NY 14111

Registration Deadline:

August 31, 2023

~ FORMATION LEADER ~

Mary A. Lata

Mary is the mother of five adult children and grandmother of ten grandchildren.

In 1987, Mary and her late husband Richard co-founded Children of Mary Homeschool Support Group with several other Western New York families.

After completing twenty-five years of homeschooling, they joyfully embraced Catechesis of the Good Shepherd as their ministry.

Mary has worked with Guardian Angel Homeschool Co-op in all three levels of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and most recently Level 1 at Epiphany of Our Lord in Langford, NY.

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MEAL SHARING

In the spirit of the catechesis, we will be sharing our meals together. You will be asked to provide a favorite dish to share for at least one session.



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Formation Course for Level One (3-6)



First and Third Saturdays+*
Sept. 23, 2023 – May 18, 2024

Excluding Jan. and February 2024

Part I: Sept. 23, Oct. 7 & 21, Nov. 4 & 18,
Dec. 2 & 16, 2023

Part II: March 2, 16 & 23*; April 6 & 20;
May 4 & 18, 2024

8 AM – 3:30 PM

Formation Site:

Quiet Water's Cabrini Center

13940 Sisson Highway

Collins Center, NY



The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

is a faith formation experience for children ages 3 to 12 years old. It is based upon the belief that young children can and do experience God. Founded on the principles of Maria Montessori, the catechesis is rooted in scripture and liturgy. Central to the catechesis is the atrium, a special environment created to nurture the child's spirituality with beautiful materials that focus the child's attention on key scripture passages or liturgical moments.

Children grow in their relationship with the Good Shepherd through Gospel proclamations using the parable method, through prayer, singing, silence, and by exploring liturgical events.

Hands-on materials (made by catechists and parish members) are used to help children and adults reflect together upon the great mysteries of the faith.

The catechesis began in Rome in 1954 with the approval of the bishops of Rome, including Pope John Paul II. Dr. Sofia Cavalletti, a scripture scholar, and Gianna Gobbi, a Montessori teacher, developed the catechesis through observing and working with children.

Inspired to grow in love and respect for the mystery of the love of God and the child, the catechist is invited through this formation to be a matchmaker for God and the child, both scientist and saint, in the Montessori tradition. The catechist seeks to "Let the children come to Jesus," knowing that as adults we must "turn and become like children."

The aims of the course are:

- * To explore the methodology and guiding principles of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- * To explore the religious nature and 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 further develop the participant's ability to observe and learn from children, to listen with children to the scripture, and to enjoy the presence of God
- * To offer aid to participants in preparing an Atrium environment, and in creating the participant's album lessons

"Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is not simply a set of techniques or special materials, but it is 'the spiritual formation of the catechist/educator as a servant of God's Word...'"

Tuition is \$500.00 for the full course, which includes a **Certificate of Completion** issued by the National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd **upon completion of 90 hours of training.**

The tuition does **not** include:
the required books

The Core Texts you will need can be found at:

www.cgsusa.org

Level One Course Texts:

- ~ *The Religious Potential of the Child, 3rd. Ed.*
- ~ *Listening to God with Children*
- ~ *The Good Shepherd & The Child: A Joyful Journey Revised and Updated, 2nd Ed.*



90 hours of course training are required by the National office for certification in Level I. Course will include presentations, reflections, practicum and materials making



If space allows, we will accept auditors who have already received their Level 1 certificate for a fee of \$100

CGS level 1 Formation, training for adults is fully supported by the Diocese of Buffalo.

In an effort to spread CGS Participants may be eligible for scholarships through the Diocese of Buffalo Foundation Grant Please inquire.