

## REGISTRATION FORM

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Name

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Street Address

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City, State and Zip Code

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Phone

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Amount Enclosed

Course Fee:

Participants \_\_\_\_\_ \$560 (which includes CGSUSA registration fee)

Tuition (\$560) can be paid any time before November 6, 2021, Checks payable to Calvary Episcopal Church.

Please mail registration, checks and direct questions to:

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**Lynn Robinson** began working in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 30 years ago. She has completed formation in Infant-Toddler as well as Levels 1, 2 and 3. She has attended multiple formation leader study groups. She is a retired public-school teacher and has taken several courses in Montessori education. Lynn is currently the catechist for a Level 1 midweek atrium and a Level 2 Sunday morning atrium. She is recognized by the National Association as a formation leader able to sign association certificates for Levels 1, 2 and 3. She has led many CGS formations for new catechists in New Jersey, New York, Delaware and Pennsylvania. After serving six years as a board member for CGSUSA, she is now on the Membership and Methodist Committees for the national association.

**Sadie Bennett** began her journey with Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in 2012 when the rector of her previous parish offered to babysit her toddler son so that she could attend Level 1 training. She built her first Level 1 atrium that same year and has been truly blessed to be in an atrium ever since. She has completed formation in Levels 1, 2 and 3. She is currently in the discernment process of becoming a Level 1 formation leader. When she is not in the atrium, she is an attorney for the state of New Jersey protecting children from abuse and neglect. She also has a ten-year-old son and a five-year-old daughter.

## The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Level 1 Course for work  
with the 3 – 6- year -old child

**Parts One and Two**  
**Beginning November 2021**  
**9 a.m. – 5 p.m.**



COURSE FOR CERTIFICATION BY NATIONAL  
ASSOCIATION OF THE CATECHESIS OF THE  
GOOD SHEPHERD  
LED BY LYNN ROBINSON AND SADIE BENNETT  
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## The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

The goal of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is to nurture the child's relationship with God. The Catechesis accomplishes this through the use of manipulative materials, prayer, song, listening to the Bible with the children, preparing children for full participation in liturgy and by giving them time to work with materials.

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a religious education program based on the methods of Maria Montessori. Central to the catechesis is the atrium, a room containing beautiful materials that focus the child's attention on key scripture passages or liturgical moments. After an introduction by the catechist, the children are invited to work with a material on their own to continue their meditation.

Since 1954, Hebrew Scripture scholar, Dr. Sofia Cavalletti and Montessori educator, Gianna Gobbi, have developed the catechesis by observing and working with children between the ages of three and twelve. It is the joyful, peaceful response of the children themselves that has inspired and determined the content of this unique program.

Catechists answer the call to enter into the mystery of God and the child. The National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd seeks to "Let the children come to Jesus," knowing that as adults we must "turn and become like children."

## The Course

This course is designed to attune participants to the religious life of the 3 – 6-year-old child and to provide specific methods and materials to foster that life. For participants who are preparing to be catechists, each day includes adult reflections of background theology, presentations as given to children, material making, work on album pages (personal teacher's manual), prayer, and a lunch break. Observations in an atrium and a Montessori school are strongly recommended outside of course time. Participants will earn a certificate from the National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

We are happy that the Good Shepherd has called each of us to this great work of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd with Him. Listen and discern – perhaps He invites you too.

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### Core Text Reading

Religious Potential of the Child

The Good Shepherd and the Child, A Joyful Journey (Revised and Updated)

Listening to God with Children



## Course dates 2021- 2022

### 2021

**November 6 (9 a.m. – 5 p.m.)**  
**December 11 (9 a.m. – 5 p.m.)**

### 2022

**January 8 (9 a.m. – 5 p.m.)**  
**February 5 ((9 a.m. – 5 p.m.)**  
**March 12 (9 a.m. – 5 p.m.)**  
**April 2 (9 a.m. – 5 p.m.)**  
**May 14 (9 a.m. – 5 pm.)**  
**June 4 (9 a.m. – 5 p.m.)**  
**July 23 (9 a.m. – 5 p.m.)**  
**August 20 (9 a.m. - 5 p.m.)**  
**September 17 (9 a.m. – 5 p.m.)**  
**October 8 (9 a.m. – 5 p.m.)**  
**November 5 (9 a.m. – 5 p.m.)**

## COVID-19 Protocols

Masks will be required by all participants and formation leaders throughout the course (except during lunch break). All participants are encouraged to be vaccinated. We will practice social distancing as much as possible. Calvary Episcopal Church has a beautiful campus that participants are welcome to enjoy during breaks. Atrium space and materials will be continuously cleaned and sanitized throughout the sessions and the course.