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Church Affiliation

Please make checks or money orders payable
to: Diocese of Palm Beach

Send registration form with nonrefundable
deposit of \$100:

Liliana Soto-Cabrera
Faith Formation Coordinator
Diocese of Palm Beach
9995 North Military Trail
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

Registration and deposit due: June 1, 2025

Remaining balance due: July 16, 2025

Course Structure

The course will be held at the Basilica of St. Edward in Palm Beach, FL. This 90-hour course is designed to be instructional as well as a spiritual formation experience. Successful completion of this course will result in a certificate from the National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. The format of the course will include one four day session in July, one four day session in January 2026 and 2 days TBD.

Course Dates

Thursday, July 16-19, 2025 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
January 7-10, 2026 9:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
2 additional days TBD

For More Information

Contact: Liliana Soto-Cabrera, Office of Marriage, Family Life, Faith Formation and Youth Ministry (561) 775-9549
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The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd



**Level One (Ages 3-6)
Catechist Formation
2 Session Course
July 16-19, 2025 Part 1
January 7-10, 2026 Part 2
Plus 2 additional days TBD**

**Basilica of St. Edward
144 N County Rd, Palm Beach, FL 33480**

About the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Montessori-based religious formation program for children, beginning at the age of three. It seeks to create and facilitate a sacred, “hands-on” environment for children called an *atrium*, in which both the children and the catechists can hear, ponder, and celebrate the most essential mysteries of the Christian faith as revealed in the Scriptures and Liturgy. Originally developed in Rome by Dr. Sofia Cavalletti and Gianna Gobbi 60 years ago, the Catechesis has since spread worldwide and is used in several denominations.

Catechist Formation

There are three levels of training for those interested in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: Level 1-for children ages 3-6; Level 2-for ages 6-9 and Level 3-for ages 9-12. Each level involves approximately 90-100 hrs. of lectures, meditations, presentations, and album page assistance. At the end of this course, the participants will receive certification for Level 1 from the National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

3-6 Course Objectives

- To explore with participants the general developmental and

religious characteristics of the 3-6 year old child.

- To facilitate meditation on the biblical and liturgical themes of the Catechesis.
- To offer guidelines and assistance to catechists for setting up an atrium for 3-6 year olds, preparing an album, and making materials.
- To deepen participants’ ability to observe and learn from children.
- To aide formation of a community of catechists in the Palm Beach area.

The Formation Team

Formation Leader

Lisa Brett-Reeves, Director/Coordinator of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, St. Jerome Catholic Church, Largo; CGS Level 1 Adult Formation Instructor; Certified CGS Catechist for Levels 1, 2, and 3; Catechist since 2009 with experience in working with children at all three levels; Trained in CGS Infant/Toddler (0-36 months); AMI 0-3 Assistant Certified St. Thomas Aquinas Academy Board of Directors - Currently; CGSUSA Board of Directors 2016 – 2017

Formation Leader Assistant

Cecilia Burke, Trained in CGS Infant/Toddler (0-36 months); Certified CGS Catechist for Levels 1, 2, and 3; Catechist since 2015 with experience in working with children at all three levels.

Tuition & Texts

If we are able to gather an adequate number of participants, the individual tuition for this course will be **\$500**. In cases where full tuition might prove prohibitive, scholarships are available through the National Association’s CGS Fund. Please contact Liliana Soto-Cabrera for more information at 561-775-9549. Register early, as space is limited to 15 participants.

Participants are asked to purchase four texts in advance of the course: *The Religious Potential of the Child* by Sofia Cavalletti, Ages 3-6; *Listening to God with Children* by Gianna Gobbi, *The Good Shepherd and the Child: A Joyful Journey*, Rebecca Rojcewicz and *The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in the Parish Setting* by Tina Lillig. These texts can be ordered from the National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. An order form may be obtained from their website: www.cgsusa.org. Their phone number is: 708-524-1210.

Registration forms will be honored in the order received. Applicants are asked to send in a \$100 nonrefundable deposit along with the registration by June 1, 2025. The balance of the tuition is due on the first day of class—July 16, 2025.

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