

## Level I Part A 2026

### Dates & Times:

January 16 from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM  
January 17 from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM  
January 18 from 8:45 AM to 4:45 PM

February 20, 21, 22  
(same timing as Jan dates)

## Level I Part B 2026

### Dates & Times:

June 26, 27, 28 followed by August 7, 8, 9  
(same timing as Jan/Feb dates)

### Location: Pax Christi Catholic Church

4135 18th Ave NW, Rochester, MN

### Tuition:

Level I, Part A: \$300

Level I, Part B: \$265

Plus \$65.95 for recommended Level I books  
(contact Michelle at parish office for help in  
seeking a scholarship or grant)

### Send registration information to:

Pax Christi Catholic Church  
4135 18<sup>th</sup> Ave NW  
Rochester, MN 55901

### Please write checks payable to:

Pax Christi Catholic Church (with 2026  
CGS Training in the memo line)

### To register online:

<https://bit.ly/cgstraining2026>

Contact: Michelle at  
mtodd@paxchristichurch.org

## Course Description

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” space for children called an atrium, in which both the children and their catechists can hear, ponder, and celebrate the most essential mysteries of the Catholic faith as revealed in the Scriptures and the Liturgy. Originally developed in Rome by Sofia Cavalletti and Gianna Gobbi fifty years ago, the Catechesis continues to spread worldwide. This course will ground the participant in the theory and praxis of CGS while also concretely preparing him/her to develop and facilitate an atrium for 3–6-year-old children.

## Course Objectives

- To explore with participants the general developmental characteristics and religious characteristics of the 3–6-year-old child.
- To facilitate meditation on the biblical and liturgical themes of CGS.
- 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 while also exploring avenues for deepening parental and congregational ability to observe and learn from children.

## Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level I (2026)

### Pax Christi

### Registration Form

(Please write checks out to Pax Christi with 2026  
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Name:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Phone:

Home Parish/City:

Denomination:

E-mail:

Intended Use: (Are you taking this training  
in order to help minister at your home  
parish / school / for personal formation /  
etc.)

**Jodi Cosgrove**  
**Formation Leader**

Jodi Cosgrove began working in 2000 at a Montessori School that offered CGS. She immediately fell in love with this catechetical model and began her training.

She has taken CGS to Zambia and introduced it there through the Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary.



She is currently the DRE at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Solon Springs, WI, offering all 3 levels of CGS. She is always excited and amazed to see where God is leading CGS. She is a certified CGS formation leader at the CGS USA.



## **What is the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd?**

CGS is a Montessori-based Catholic faith formation program where children can grow in their relationship with God through a deep engagement in Scripture and liturgy.

### **God and the Child**

CGS is based on the belief that God and the child are already in relationship. Our work as adults is to provide a place for the child and God to come together and grow.

### **The Atrium and Materials**

The atrium is a specially prepared room where children can come to know Jesus, the Good Shepherd. The atrium is prepared with materials that children work with as a way of meditating upon the essentials of our faith found in Scripture and in liturgy. Examples of materials found in the atrium include small clay figures of Jesus and the disciples used to meditate on the Last Supper; detailed interactive maps of the Land of Israel and the City of Jerusalem to help situate Jesus as a real person in time; Jerusalem Mustard Seeds and beautiful pearls to help ponder the Parables of the Kingdom of God; and a small Baptismal font and Paschal candle used to explore the significance of Baptism.

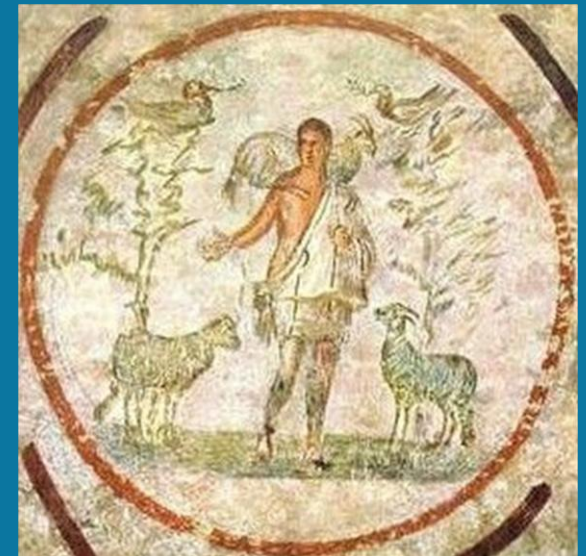
## **CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

### **Formation Course**

#### **Level 1 Part A**

For catechist working with children ages 3 – 6

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The Good Shepherd fresco in the Catacombs of Priscilla (Rome), dated to circa 225 A.D.