

## Registration Form

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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: December 8, 2024

Remaining balance due: January 25, 2025

## Course Structure

The course will be held at the St. Lucie Catholic Church in Port St. Lucie, 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 January, one four day summer session and a 2 day session TBD

## Course Dates

Thursday, Jan. 9, 2025 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.–  
Sunday, Jan. 12, 2025

Wednesday, June 11, 2025 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.–  
Saturday, June 14, 2025  
2 Additional days TBD

## For More Information

Contact: Liliana Soto-Cabrera,  
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# The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd



## Level One (Ages 3-6) Catechist Formation

3 Session Course

January 9-12, 2025

June 11-14, 2025

2 Additional Dates TBD

St. Lucie Catholic Church

425 SW Irving Street

Port St. Lucie, FL 34983

## 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 **\$450**. 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*, 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](http://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 December 8, 2024. The balance of the tuition is due on —January 25, 2025.