

LEVEL I FORMATION COURSE *A Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Certificate Course*

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is based on the method begun by Dr. Maria Montessori and further developed by Scripture and Hebrew scholar Dr. Sofia Cavalletti and Montessori teacher Gianna Gobbi. [Catechesis of the Good Shepherd gives adults the opportunity to embrace a method of catechesis \(religious education\) that will deepen one's relationship with God.](#)

Led by two experienced AMI Montessori directresses, this course provides formation for catechists working with children 3 to 6 years of age. All who are interested in the spiritual development of the young child are welcome. The course will address:

- *Montessori Foundations: Including Montessori's insight into the human person, observation and normalization, practical life and the young child, the four planes of development, education to wonder, the absorbent mind and sensitive periods and the development of the will.
- *The developmental and religious nature and needs of the 3-6 year old child
- *Those aspects of God and the Kingdom of God that most greatly strike the child's sense of wonder and enjoyment of God
- *All presentations that are essential to working in an Atrium with 3-6 year old children
- *First steps in material making.
- *Participants collaborating in writing album pages and at the conclusion of the course will have a completed working album.

The course will also include prayer, scriptural and liturgical background to the themes and materials of the program, and their use with the children throughout the cycle of the liturgical year.

Certification from the National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will be awarded after the completion of Level I, Part II, observation in an Atrium, and approved course work.



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FORMATION LEADERS

Mrs. Cecilia Drabbant holds an Association Montessori Internationale (AMI) diploma in Assistant to Infancy (0-3), as well as an AMI certificate in Montessori Core Principles. She also holds a degree in Architecture from Universitas Katolik Parahyangan, Bandung, Indonesia, and completed Emmanuel School of Mission in Rome, Italy. Since being introduced to the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in 2012, she has received CGS



certification in Levels I, II, III, and CGS Infant-Toddler Seminal certification. Additionally, she is recognized as CGS USA Level 1 Formation Leader. She is the coordinator of the RMS Atrium hosting Levels T, 1, 2 and 3.



Mrs. Jennifer Ashton enjoys living each day as a Primary Directress in the Children's House at Renaissance Montessori School. Her passion for Montessori began with her own children's Montessori education and discovery of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in 2005. She continues to be formed by the principles of Maria Montessori through the Association Montessori International (AMI) and the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. She is AMI certified at the Primary (3-6) Level and CGS USA certified in all levels of Catechesis from birth to age 12 as well as a CGS Level I Formation Leader. She loves sharing these principles with parents and living them with children to collaboratively strengthen relationships between God and the child.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

One Payment - \$935 or **\$835.00 if paid in full by May 1, 2024** (A hundred dollar discount for full payment.)

Two Payments - \$535.00 first payment due by May 31, 2024 and \$400 second payment due by May 1, 2025

Make checks payable to the church's mailing address:

Church of the Lamb

attn: Renee Velker

PO Box 232 Penn Laird, VA 22846

Please note in the Memo: CGS Level One Formation Course including the participant name(s).

FORMATION LOCATION

Church of the Lamb 362 Indian Trail Road Penn Laird, VA 22846 churchofthelamb.org.

Hosting Site Coordinator: Renee Velker, renee@churchofthelamb.org, (931)200-4157

DATES and TIMES

Part One: August 3-10, 2024

Saturday, August 3, 2024 (9a to 4p) Lunch break provided.

Sunday, August 4, 2024 (12:30 to 4:30p)

Monday through Friday, August 5 to 9, 2024 (9a to 4p) Lunch break provided.

Saturday, August 10, 2024 (9a to 12:30p)

Part Two: TBD Summer 2025 in a one week format