

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD (CGS)

Training Level 1 part B

June 3rd-7th, 2024

Saint Tikhon's Seminary

"OF ALL THE HOLY WORKS, THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN IS THE MOST HOLY..."
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Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is a Montessori based Christian Education program that encourages a fuller participation in the Liturgy by providing a prepared environment that is specifically designed for children to know God in a deeper way. This approach:

1. to spiritual formation for children unites the heart, the mind and the hand
2. nourishes "the most irrepressible hunger of the human person [to receive and return' the love of God], and enlightens all that surrounds one."
3. permits the prepared adult (which this training offers)to become able to:
 - a. observe the needs of each child
 - b. announce God's love and encourage the education to wonder
 - c. be amazed at parables such as the mustard seed that emphasizes how something so small can become something so great.
4. Educates us to prayer, the atrium(classroom) is a place of listening to and responding to God where contemplation in the silence often produces a joyful song of the heart.
5. Helps our children to learn about Scripture and the Church deepening their relationship with the living God, while enriching the spiritual life of the catechist as well.

If you are interested in impacting your church school program in a deeper way, this training is for you.

All NY-NJ Diocesan attendees can be sponsored (tuition, room and board will be \$400)by the Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors fund which has a limited capacity. However, each attendee must pay a ONE TIME fee of \$35 for national CGS certification).Please register by May 15 to insure your seat.

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