

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

ADULT FORMATION COURSE LEVEL 1 PART A (PART B:TBD)

June 9th-13th, 2025

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 to spiritual formation for children:

1. 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 catechist formation offers) to become able to:
 - a. Observe the spiritual needs of each child
 - b. Announce God's love and encourage the education to wonder
 - c. Be amazed by parables that open the eyes of children and adults to understanding the Kingdom of God as spoken of in Scripture.
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 hear the proclamations of the Gospel and recognize the signs of the Liturgy which can deepen their relationship with the living God. It can also enrich spiritual life of adult catechists

If you are interested in offering children in your church a way to have a deeper relationship with God, this catechist formation is for you.

Cost for the 45 hours formation course, room, and board (on the premises of St. Tikhon's Seminary) is \$435. There are additional fees for textbooks which you can purchase on your own through CGSUSA website. Registration form, details, directions and for more information contact Olga Ptach. Scholarships may be available for those who qualify.

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