



CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD LEVEL 1 CERTIFICATE



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is a Montessori-inspired faith formation for children ages 3-12. In a prepared atrium, children engage with Scripture and liturgy through hands-on materials, prayer, and reflection, fostering contemplation, wonder, and a personal relationship with God within a peaceful community environment.

The Level I course is the foundational training that prepares catechists to work with children ages 3-6. Participants who successfully complete both Part A and Part B will receive certification from the National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

DATES

Part A: July 8-11, 13-15, **2026**, 8am - 4pm

Part B: July 7-10, 12-14, **2027**, 8am - 4pm

TUITION *Parts A and B included*

Standard tuition: \$1,000

Subsidized tuition for the first 15 residents of Hawaii, Guam, and Chuuk: \$350*

*Scholarship provided by the Marianist Center of Hawaii



REGISTRATION LINK

https://webforms.chaminade.edu/non_degree_transient/

TRAINERS

Trinka Hamel, based in Tacoma, Washington, has served in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for over 20 years. A speech-language pathologist for 40 years, Trinka has been a formation leader for the past 6-7 years, offering accessible CGS training for catechists.

Joan Hiel is a certified CGS Formation Leader, facilitating Levels I-III at St. John Vianney and founding the atrium at Mary, Star of the Sea. Joan brings over 40 years of experience as a Montessori guide in Hawaii and the U.S. mainland.

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