

# Registration

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Faith Background: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish/School/Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Payment of Registration Fee: (check one)

\_\_\_\_\_ I am mailing a check for the full  
registration fee of \$1,450

\_\_\_\_\_ I am mailing a check for the  
\$300 registration deposit  
(nonrefundable)

\_\_\_\_\_ I am submitting online payment

Checks can be made payable to Aquinas  
College, with the memo line CGS Training

## Formation Leader Sister Maria Teresita, O.P.



Sister Maria Teresita is a Nashville Dominican. She currently serves as an upper-elementary guide at St. Philip Learning Center, a

Catholic Montessori homeschool enrichment program in Nashville, and as a catechist and formation leader for CGS. Sister holds an AMI diploma at the Elementary level, a B.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies (Aquinas College), and a M.A. in Montessori Education (Loyola University). She has enjoyed teaching for nearly 20 years in both conventional and Montessori settings and 15 years as a catechist of the Good Shepherd in all three atria levels.

*If we want to help the child draw nearer to God,  
we should with patience and courage,  
seek to go always closer to the vital nucleus of things.*

*This requires study and prayer.  
The children will be our teachers  
if we know how to observe them.*

*-Sofia Cavalletti*



## CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

### CATECHIST FORMATION INTENSIVE RESIDENTIAL COURSE

#### Level 1, Part A

*for Catechists working with children ages 3 – 6*

**July 12-18, 2026**

*Aquinas College – Nashville, TN*



## COURSE STRUCTURE

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 1 Formation (Part A) is a week-long, residential formation experience introducing participants to the spiritual life of the child ages 3–6 and the foundations of the CGS method. Rooted in Scripture, liturgy, prayer, and careful observation of the child, this intensive course combines presentations, hands-on work with materials, personal reflection, and communal prayer.

Participants live on-site for the duration of the course, with overnight accommodations and all meals provided, creating a contemplative and communal environment that supports deep learning and spiritual growth. This formation is ideal for catechists, clergy, religious, parents, teachers, and others discerning a call to serve young children through CGS.

For more information or inquiries,  
please contact  
[cgs@aquinascollege.edu](mailto:cgs@aquinascollege.edu)  
or visit  
[AquinasCollege.edu/CGS](http://AquinasCollege.edu/CGS)

## REGISTRATION

Registration for Part A of this Level 1 intensive residential formation course is \$1,450 per participant. The registration fee includes course tuition, books, materials, all meals, and overnight accommodations.

Space is limited to 24 participants.  
To secure your place in the course:

- 1) Mail registration form and a check for nonrefundable \$300 deposit to:

Aquinas College  
4210 Harding Pike  
Nashville, TN 37205

-OR-

- 2) Register online and pay by credit card using the QR code below or through [AquinasCollege.edu/CGS](http://AquinasCollege.edu/CGS)



If the amount presents a financial hardship, partial scholarships may be available. Contact [cgs@aquinascollege.edu](mailto:cgs@aquinascollege.edu) for more information.

## MEALS & LODGING

All meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner), as well as snacks, will be provided, beginning with dinner on Sunday, July 12 and concluding with lunch on Saturday, July 18.

Overnight accommodations (six nights) are provided at the beautiful on-site Siena Hall Conference Center. Each participant will be provided a private spacious bedroom and a Jack-and-Jill bathroom shared with one other attendee. To learn more about the Siena Hall Conference Center, visit [SienaHallConferenceCenter.com](http://SienaHallConferenceCenter.com).

