

# Catechesis of the Good Shepherd



## Level 1 training:

**Part 1 A:** Wednesday evening, June 2 through Saturday, June 5 in Minot, ND

**Part 1 B:** Wednesday evening, July 21 through Saturday, July 24 in Minot, ND

**Part 2:** TBD (the Summer of 2022) in Minot, ND

5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Wednesday

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday

**Trainer:** Mandie DeVries

**Location:** St. Therese, Church of the Little Flower, Minot

**Cost:** \$200 per entire course (Part 1A, Part 1B, & Part 2)  
\$50 deposit due at registration

**Register online at: [bismarckdiocese.com/goodshepherd](https://bismarckdiocese.com/goodshepherd)**

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## Mandie DeVries, formation leader



Mandie DeVries began her journey with CGS in 2004 and served for 13 years first as a catechist and then Director of Religious Education at All Saints Catholic Church in Des Moines, Iowa where 43 trained catechists and 27 other volunteers served 200+ children ages 0-12 each week using Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. She and her husband Matt, who is also a trained CGS catechist, homeschool their 6 children.

In September 2015, she was recognized as a CGS Level I Formation Leader by the National Association of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. She is trained in all three levels of CGS, as well as receiving certification in Seminal Infant Toddler Formation in March of 2018. In May 2020, she was awarded a Masters in Theology with a specialization in Systematic Theology from St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in southern Indiana. She strives each day to turn and become like a little child, so as to enter the Kingdom (cf Matt 18:3).

## Level I: (Ages 3-6)

### Formation Course Objectives:

- To present the methodology and guiding principles of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for the 3-6 year old child.
- To explore the religious nature and the most vital religious needs of the 3-6 year old child.
- To meditate on the Biblical and Liturgical themes presented to the 3-6 year old child.
- To broaden your ability to observe and learn from the child, to listen to the Scriptures with the child, to deepen your own enjoyment of God.
- To offer guidelines and assistance in preparing the Level I Atrium environment, and making the catechist's album, and catechetical materials.