



In the Meadow

Where the sheep gather

A newsletter for the Organization Members of CGSUSA



Greetings!

This month we offer you the framework for your fall [Catechist In-Service](#). How often do you gather with your catechists before your year begins? What is the format of your time together? We know that many of you gather to pray, review album pages and presentations, make or repair materials, but it is important for us to return to our sources, to read, study, and discuss with one another. Sofia Cavalletti spent six hours a day studying. In what areas would you like to grow or feel more confident before you enter the Atrium with children this fall?

We hope the following framework will assist you as you think about Catechist in-service and be a starting point for your time together.

In Christ,

Mary Heinrich,

CGSUSA Membership Coordinator

Fall Catechist In-Service

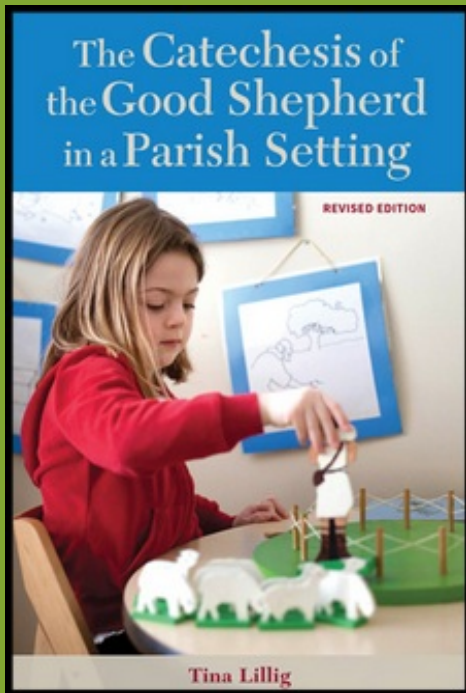
This two hour In-Service can be adapted to the needs of your own community. Our Fall Catechist In-Service includes the following elements:

- Opening Prayer Service: Characteristics No. 1
- Community Builder
- Shared Reading: The Unprofitable Servant
- Faith Sharing Questions
- Closing and Wrap Up

[Click here to download the In-Service](#)



The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in a Parish Setting Revised Edition



What happens when a parish community chooses the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for its youngest members? What questions should be asked before that decision is made, and after? What does an atrium look like? What do you need? How do you start? And how did this type of Catechesis ever get started in the first place?

This newly revised edition of Tina Lillig's practical and enduring resource offers step-by-step information to address the questions of pastors, directors of religious education, parish staff members, parents, catechists, and anyone else interested in the great blessing that young children are to the parish community.

[Click here to purchase the revised edition of this popular resource!](#)

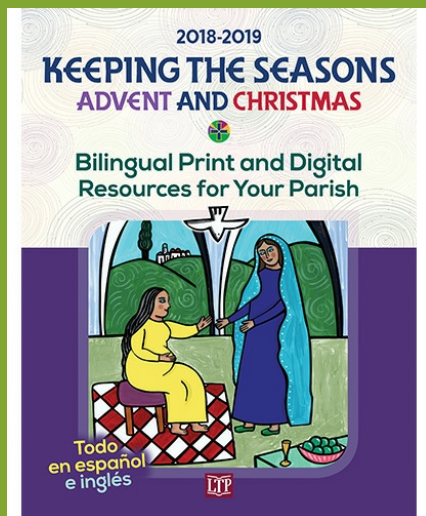
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd on Redeemer Radio



Join ChurchLife Host, Leonard DeLorenzo as he talks to Mary Mirrione, National Director, CGSUSA. Mary talks about the relationship between God and the child, and the importance of hands-on materials for encountering the world in the light of the Gospel. What if you could prepare an environment where the child is able to entrust themselves to the love of God for their entire lives? That would be religious formation for the whole of their life, even through adulthood.

[Listen to interview with Mary Mirrione, National Director](#)

Keeping the Seasons: Advent and Christmas



A wonderful resource for your families this Advent and Christmas Season, written by catechist, formation leader, our own CGSUSA board chair, Barbara Matera. Order through CGSUSA coming this fall!

The core of the resource is the seven handouts, in English and in Spanish, one for each week of Advent and Christmas Time. On the front of each handout is a prayer, illustration, and a reflection on the Sunday Scripture. On the back is catechesis for each weekday--about the day's Scripture, saint, or Catholic practices, along with a smaller illustration. Citations for Scripture readings are included with each day.

The handouts may be printed in color or in black and white as PDF files. But even more helpful, the individual

illustrations and sections of text are provided as separate JPG and Word files that may be reproduced as you wish--placed on your website, added to your parish bulletin, to worship aids, or to handouts of your own making.

Listening Session Kit

In the year 2020, CGSUSA seeks to have a clear, compelling and inclusive vision for the future, a vision that is both sustainable and faithful to the spirit of the mustard seed. With this goal in mind, the Board of Trustees and staff of CGSUSA have begun a very large work: analyzing our present conditions (our mission, fiscal health, immediate needs, the unfolding environment before us) and identifying and articulating near-future and long-term needs, goals and commitments. Our association is built on the friendship of catechists. It is important for all of us to be part of this vision. We are seeking opportunities for dialog and feedback with our friends and members regarding the core questions we might ask that will help open our awareness and focus our effort.

CGSUSA has begun to hold a number of Listening Sessions around the country. If your regional group would like to hold such a session please download the Kit [here](#). If you have questions about the Listening Session, please contact [Mary Mirrione](#).

- [Listening Session Kit](#)
- [Listening Session Flyer](#)
- [32 Points of Reflection](#)
- [Membership Forms](#)

