

# One Flock, One Shepherd



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*This is the Good Shepherd. He has all kind of light around his head because it's Jesus. He is taking care of the sheep with the green grass and good water." Adam, Level 1, Year 3, 5 years old, Mercy Gate Atrium, St. Maurice Parish, Ottawa.*

"Since the beginning of time, a plan has existed in the mind of God, to bring humankind to the full enjoyment of the Kingdom of God." This is one of the essentials that we begin to contemplate in Level 2. The focal point of this plan is the Word Made Flesh whose coming we prepare for during this Advent season. In this issue we share with you how our work in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd manifests at many different levels. We all have our unique place and role to play in announcing this plan and inviting others to enter into "the full enjoyment of this Kingdom".

We work at the local level in our own atria. An example of this is St. Benedict's, the most continuous running atrium in Canada (p. 6). Regional groups of catechists come together to support one another. (Ottawa p. 12). Once a year we gather together nationally to share our joy and learn from our fellow catechists (p. 2). Catechists from all over the world are united with us in this work. (Rebekah Rojcewicz, International Consiglio p. 11). We hope you draw inspiration from learning and knowing more about your fellow sheep in the one flock.

Dorothy Burns, Chair

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## A CHILD WILL LEAD THEM:



At the Annual Gathering October 20-21, 2018 in Vancouver, BC, almost 100 participants, including CGS catechists from across the country as well as those new to CGS, were very appreciative of the event as expressed in comments received below.

- I am grateful that we started the conference with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist with our Archbishop Michael J. Miller.
- The keynote speaker, Katie Beedle Rice, is a joyful witness of our ministry of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, knowledgeable, inspiring and spiritual. We were blessed to have her share with us. The venue is also great, a great opportunity for all of us to gather with our God, the Good Shepherd. God bless us all and God help and guide us in this spiritual growth forever and ever.
- I found the conference to be very informative and inspiring. I have no experience with CGS and have come away motivated and excited to learn more.
- I have been encouraged and fortified by the words and wisdom of our guests and "fellow" catechists
- I observed all kinds of people opening their hearts, exchange experiences, tips and materials. I'm glad to see such a united group working and developing skills together.
- The speakers were engaging and very well prepared and captivating. The whole atmosphere of the conference, the welcoming and sharing of ideas brought me joy. It felt like we were all one family sharing ideas and insights. Thank you and God bless.

Congratulations to Murita Chua and her group from the Archdiocese of Vancouver for an excellent and successful annual gathering held in Vancouver, BC.



# ANNUAL GATHERING OCT. 20-21, 2018



Speakers: Michael Perry, Debbie Zeni and Sister Janet Siepker



Keynote Speaker Katie Rice with Murita Chua



X Bambino Nicolas all grown up. At the age of 3, Nicolas started at the St. Benedict Atrium in Toronto and now he lives in Vancouver. He is an organist at his local parish. His 3 children are continuing in the atrium tradition, making 3 generations of his family, including his Mom, a CGS catechist in Toronto.



A time for fellowship and sharing experiences: Caroline Knickle, Monica Best, Kathryn Fitzmaurice



Many religious sisters share a love for CGS L to R holding banner: Sr. Janet, Sr. Minerva, Sr. Elizabeth, Sr. Victoria; Behind: Sr. Angela Marie, Sr. Bibiana



Sharing their joy: Minnie Tutor, Isobel Falcone, Conchita Bambilla



Archbishop Miller, with CGSAC Board Members L to R: Monica Perry, Therese Wright, Dorothy Burns

## ARCHBISHOP'S HOMILY

Annual Conference of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd  
Sheraton, Richmond 20 October 2018

Dear Deacons Rennie and Guy, dear friends gathered here for the Annual Conference of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd:



### *Introduction*

Once again, a warm welcome to beautiful Vancouver to all of you who are participating in this Annual Conference, especially those who are from out of town. I pray that this time together will be fruitful for you and for the various parishes and communities from which you come.

It is an honour for us in the Archdiocese of Vancouver to be the place chosen to host the Conference this year. It promises to be an occasion of grace for all involved.

### *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd*

The Church has found a pearl of great price (cf. Mt 13:45-46) in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. It is truly a great grace offered to the People of God, and I am so thankful to the good Lord that this gift from Italy is being “re-gifted” to a great number of communities in Canada. Needless to say, I am thrilled at the enthusiasm shown by so many catechists

here in our local Archdiocese who are being trained in this method. It would be remiss of me if I did not express my gratitude to all of you for undertaking this particular catechetical ministry, but especially to Murita Chua, for encouraging that CGS sink down deep roots in the Lower Mainland.

You all know a great deal more about CGS than I do. The training required of you is demanding but produces such good fruit that those so engaged are, I have heard, grateful for its intensity. But allow me, somewhat from afar, to note four reasons why I am convinced that CGS is just the kind of catechesis for young children that the Church needs today. It has read the “signs of the times” and given a practical way to move forward in introducing children to a personal encounter with our living – and loving – God.

First, it is grounded in one of the great needs of our day: to develop in young people a contemplative outlook on the created world. CGS keeps in the forefront that children have a contemplative nature which, if properly mentored and nurtured, draws them close to God himself. This was one of the great insights of Sofia Cavaletti: she saw that children have a way of being in God’s presence that is both unique to them and a gift to those adults who take the time to notice this intuitive contemplative perspective. In a hectic world, CGS is helping to reclaim and model a healthy pace of life for children and families.

Second, CGS is built on a solid understanding of the human person rooted in a Christian anthropology which, for its part, can trace its origins to Aristotle, enriched by the teaching of St. Thomas Aquinas.

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## OPENING MASS, ANNUAL GATHERING

Third, the atrium, with all its charming materials, is a childfriendly space. It is not a traditional classroom, but rather provides children with the opportunity to fall in love with Jesus, the Good Shepherd. As we know from the repeated teachings of our recent Popes, such an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ is the necessary foundation of every Christian life.

Fourth, I think the program deserves to be ever more widely spread because it is based on the sources of our faith: the Bible, Tradition, the sacred Liturgy and Sacraments, and the Church's teachings, which convey the mind of Jesus. This wealth unfolds in a way which engages the whole person of the child: not merely their mind but their heart as well.

I say to all of you who have been trained or are being trained in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: "well done, good and faithful servants" of the beauty of our faith.

### *Conclusion*

Allow me to conclude this reflection by citing what St. Paul wrote to the Ephesians, as we heard in the First Reading: "I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers" (Eph 1:15).

† J. Michael Miller, CSB, Archbishop of Vancouver



CGSAC Chair Dorothy Burns thanks Archbishop Miller at the end of the Opening Mass of the 2018 Annual Gathering.

## A HISTORY OF MARY HELP OF

By Susan Perna, CGSAC Formation Facilitator

On May 22, 1988, Pro Nuncio Archbishop Angelo Palma was invited to St. Benedict Parish in Toronto and blessed The Mary Help of Christians Atrium. He said, "This is small and hidden in the basement of the church and it is the hope and a light for the future of the church".

His insight about this Hidden Treasure has been very true. Some people stumble across The Catechesis of The Good Shepherd (CGS), fall in love with this work, and buy the whole field. For others it is like being invited to The Wedding Banquet and responding with all the reasons that they have to not attend. We have been blessed with a dedicated and faith-filled group of parents, catechists, and clergy who have nurtured and supported the ongoing work in this atrium for almost thirty-five years.



The Atrium at St. Benedicts is the most continuous running atrium in Canada. We started in 1985 with adult formation, making materials, and preparing a space to welcome the children. It has been a great opportunity for thousands of local children and dozens and dozens of catechists from across the Archdiocese of Toronto and Hamilton. It has profoundly impacted many other dioceses across Canada. When Fr. Dave Sajdak moved to Vancouver to Our Lady of Good Counsel (OLGC) he asked me to come out and share CGS with OLGC and the Archdiocesan staff. Ten years later, CGSAC has given many courses in Vancouver. Archbishop Miller's vision of an Atrium in every school and every parish is becoming a reality. The spiraling influence of this one atrium is a blessing and gift from God.

You might be wondering how this got started?

In 1980, I converted from being an Anglican to a Roman Catholic. My new pastor, Fr. Breen at St. Benedict Parish met with me weekly for an hour for 2 years. As I became closer to accepting my new calling, I observed that the children of the parish came to Mass and left without having a real place for them to belong as a community of children. I asked Fr. Breen, "What are you doing for children?" I told him that he could be doing more. He said he would pray about it. A month later came to me and told me that he had been praying and since the Holy Spirit had not given him any reason why we couldn't do more for children and he said, "Yes." So we gathered a group of women together and planned what we called the Sunday Morning Program for Children, long before there ever was title for Children's Liturgy. Every Sunday morning, we met with up to 175 children and divided them into groups from 6 months to 7-year-olds. Musicians lead the singing and we had crafts and Bible Stories. We all had so much fun.

Always in search for more, I read in the Catholic Register about an evening for adults who were interested in children's spirituality. I naively thought that with all the children in the Archdiocese of Toronto that there would be hundreds of people interested in this topic. On the night of the meeting, I arrived at an empty parking lot at St. Philip Neri Parish and thought that I had the wrong night. I went in and met Patricia Coulter and the two interested women. Patricia shared what she had experienced in Rome, over the last 2 1/2 years. As she presented some of the materials that the Roman children used, I wanted this opportunity for my own children. Over the next few years, we set up an atrium at St. Philip Neri for children. My daughter and son were part of this atrium and I feel in love with this treasure and bought the field.

## CHRISTIANS CHILDREN'S ATRIUM:

At the same time, I continued directing the Sunday Morning Program at St. Benedict Parish. When The Salesians of Don Bosco took over the parish, they really liked what we were doing for children. I told the pastor Fr. Nino Cavoto that; "This is good but if you want to see what is great, come with me to St. Philip Neri Parish." He came, he saw, and he wanted it too!

Fr. Nino offered me a part-time salary for a full-time job directing the atrium at St. Benedict Parish. I ended my career of fifteen years as the Assistant to the Food Editor of Canadian Living Magazine and answered what I interpreted as God calling me to, "Feed My Sheep".

### Space

Fr. Nino gave me half of the small hall in the rectory basement. He wanted the other half for a general purpose meeting room and took a roll of masking tape and divided the room in half and went upstairs. Since I am a practical person, I could see that just a bit more space would be very useful for shelving and a work table. I confess, I lifted up the tape and moved it over two feet in our favour.

I was given free rein to design the space. I wanted the Altar area and prayer area to be raised up to show children they were entering a sacred space. (The prayer room was completed when a friend of mine made a large stained glass window of The Good Shepherd for me when my appendix ruptured and I spent 15 days in the hospital.) This platform area offered a sensorial opportunity and movement to rise to a new level creating a major point of interest and sacred experience linking scripture and liturgy together for the youngest children. The atrium was finished with new drywall, lights, carpet and a glass door and we were ready to welcome the children.



The stained glass window divides the Level 1 and Level 2 atrium spaces.

### Formation

At the time, no courses were available in Canada, so I needed to travel to USA for the Level I, II and III courses. I spent many weeks over the next several summers attending CGS courses in the USA. Thanks to the Newediuk Funeral Home who sponsored the cost of my Level I Formation and the generous support of the parish Knights of Columbus.

### Materials

When Fr. Nino was ordering new vestments from the USA; we added a complete matching mini set for the atrium. When his vestments arrived, I wondered where were the vestments that we ordered for the Atrium? The cloistered group of monks made them but did not want to send them. When I called, I was told that they were enjoying just looking at them and a few months later fulfilled their promise and put the vestments in the mail.

In the meantime, I spent nearly every morning of the school year at Don Bosco High School helping direct the making of shelving, parable materials, and all the items we needed for the Altar area. The students in the shop class were mostly Italian teenagers. When I showed them the materials plans they refused to make the Altar as designed by Sofia Cavalletti, in Rome. They said it is too flimsy. I asked them to design what they would like and they made a sturdy, beautiful, Altar, matching Baptismal Font, and Lectern. When Sofia and Gianna visited our atrium, in 1986, they really liked the design and congratulated the students. We all humbly laughed. The students in the art department painted the parable materials. Before any of the students started their work, I borrowed materials from St. Philip Neri and



## ST. BENEDICT PARISH,

presented everything to them. When I presented the Parable of The Good Shepherd to special needs teens, they asked me to, "Please move the sheep slower". I also took these materials to The West End Detention Centre and presented them to the inmates as well as to many local Catholic elementary schools.

When it came time to name the atrium, I chose The Mary Help of Christians Children's Atrium. The first time I had ever heard this title was in when Fr. Nino shared it at Mass, when the Salesians first arrived. It really blew me away! As a convert the titles of Mary often seemed to be painful, sad, and over-dramatic. I now heard this title and devotion as positive and empowering and what the world needs for evangelization.

Grandparents, parents, parishioners, and fellow catechists made many materials. Joe Tanel made all the children's chairs with a cross cut into the back, adapted from the chairs that he had made for his own children with the letter T on the back. Joe and his wife Kathleen feel in love with CGS and took a sabbatical in Rome for one year to study with Sofia. They returned home and generously shared their new knowledge with us helping to prepare our first group of many groups of children for Level II and the sacraments. Carolyne-Marie Petch has journeyed with me since the early years of the Children's Sunday morning Program. Her business skills, creative abilities, and desire to grow this work have been a constant and steady support since day one! I greatly appreciate and would like to recognize and thank the dozens of adults who became catechists and served the children ages 3-12 years old in the Atrium. It would be a very long list to name each one of you but Rosemary Simmons is the only one who has passed away and served as a catechist with us for over 25 years.

Although we had Sofia Cavalletti, Gianna Gobbi and Silvana Montanaro giving courses in the past in Toronto we needed more local courses to meet these growing needs to serve the children at St. Benedict Parish and around Toronto. I was called into the office of Cardinal Ambrozic to help explain to him what we needed. He hired Patricia Coulter to direct this work for the Archdiocese of Toronto. Patricia also continued to work as a catechist at St. Benedict Parish. We sent many adults for formation at St. Michaels College and we hosted several of their Formation Courses at St. Benedict Parish.



Altar, Baptism font, Lectern, Tabernacle, shelving, all made by students at Don Bosco High School. Sofia was very pleased.

When I became a single parent with two teenagers, I needed more income to survive. I was blessed with being asked to set-up more centres. One family moved to Pickering and their pastor Fr. Charles Mahon, Holy Redeemer Parish hired me to begin an Atrium for their children. Fr. Peter Hundt (now Bishop) hired me to start one at Holy Cross, Georgetown, in the Diocese of Hamilton. He had been considering it and when a 4-year-old girl stopped him after Mass

and said, "I really like how you did the Epiclesis" he asked her where she had heard that word and she said, "In my Atrium". Her Grandmother had picked her up once a week and brought her all the way to St. Benedict Parish. Fr. Hundt called me and said, "Let's get started". Sue Reid at St. Justin Martyr's Parish in Unionville asked me to do the same for the children in her parish. When Sue moved to Lindsay. CGSAC gave a Level I Course there and have an Atrium at St. Mary's Parish. Two of the participants at the course in Lindsay came from Montreal and now the Archdiocese of Montreal is hosting a Level I



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Course the spring of 2019. I have consulted with several other atria. One particular joy is with Msgr. Sheehy who credits his visit to Mary Help of Christians Children's Atrium with great appreciation and a new understanding persuading him to re-open the Atrium at Blessed Trinity Parish, in Toronto. God is so good!

After 20 years directing The Mary Help of Christians Children's Atrium, I thought it was time to retire. I wrote to Sofia and she wrote back telling me that I was too young and should not retire. Once again, I re-defined my role and began encouraging Rosella Lucchitti, who had already served several years with me as a catechist and had her own 3 children in the atrium, to take over the task of director. Rosella said, "Yes". We had a

grand 20th Year Celebration and Salt and Light TV came to record the many kind words of the young adult children, known internationally as the X Bambini.

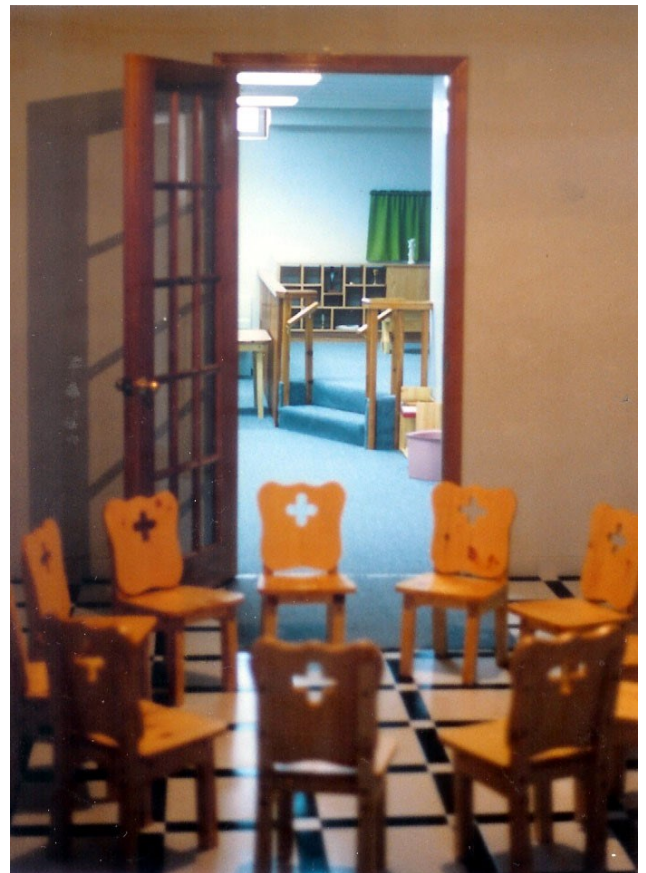
I look back at The Mary Help of Christians Atrium and see the growth in the children, their families, and the church. I have left a lot of my stuff in this space.

There is my 65-year-old little white childhood chair near the Altar table, which is still used 3 generations later. There is the Liturgical Calendar that my Dad made and 20 Holy Bible Books donated in his memory, the stained glass window of The Good Shepherd, and many personal bits and pieces. Most of all, I left a piece of my heart.

This Hidden Treasure has spread out into the world and deep into the hearts of many and puts a smile on the face of our clergy and bishops. As The Pro Nuncio said, "It is the hope and the light for the future of the church".



Atrium slippers in liturgical colours.



## A LETTER FROM ST. BENEDICT'S

When Dorothy first emailed me about writing a piece on the atrium at St. Benedict's, I began reviewing our past atrium files. It was easy to pull out the statistics: currently serving 58 children, Mary Help of Christians Children's Atrium is the longest running atrium in Canada. We have four sessions per week with four catechists and two volunteers. But as I rummaged through all those files, I was reminded that the atrium at St. Benedict's is and has been so much more than these numbers. The atrium at St. Benedict's is, for me, the many wonderful people and children and pastors, that I have had the opportunity to speak to, and work with, and share my faith with, through the reading of scripture, meditation, and contemplation. And its life, its longevity, can be attributed to first, the support of the Salesian Pastors & the Bishops / Archdiocese of Toronto; second, the commitment of so many catechists & volunteers; and third, the joy of parents & children who continue to come.

I began to relive moments from the last 18 years in the atrium as if they had happened yesterday. I found a memo dated September 2008 letting us catechists know that Cardinal Collins was extending his support & encouragement to the Catechesis and noting that our reflection on Scripture with children was a form of *Lectio Divina*. I found a note that a child wrote "*the holy bible and the true vine is special to me!*" and another "*I love Jesus and I know he loves me too.*"

My own journey with the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd had begun in 2000. My children began attending the catechesis, and, with that, I began to volunteer and enrolled in the formation classes. In 2005, I accepted the position of Co-ordinator of the CGS at St. Benedict's.



St. Benedict's Church was our home parish. The children attended St. Benedict's School. It was perfect – a perfect gift from our Lord, for me, a single mother, who needed to work, but also to stay close to the home-front.

*The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it." (Psalm 24:1)*

How do we as catechists understand our relationships to the atria in which we work? We are stewards. We "watch over". We "maintain". We "supervise."— so many ways of saying the same thing.

Throughout the years, I have seen a change in culture. Fewer parents stay at home, whether because of personal or financial reasons. More children over three are not baptized. More children are being homeschooled. The availability of our classes has had to change as the availability of catechists, who are so frequently parents, has changed. And yet, as stewards, we have endeavoured to maintain the integrity of the catechesis while extending our atrium's purpose to fulfill a call to serve the needs of the Pastor and the Parish. We have had to be flexible. In addition to our regular atrium sessions, we now conduct preparation classes for Baptism and continue to provide sacramental preparation for First Holy Communion for children attending Catholic, Public & Private Schools.

*All remains gift:* the atrium has been and continues to be a great joy for me. It has been a place of growth. I continue learning and deepening my faith with each presentation that I give or am involved with, with each material that needs repair or replacement, with every parent that I meet and with every child that comes to the atrium.

In God's Love,  
Rosella  
St. Benedict's, Toronto

## AN ADVENT LETTER TO CANADIAN CATECHISTS

Dear Canadian catechists, our near and dear neighbors in this precious work of the catechesis,

How blessed I felt to meet with a large group of you at St. Michael's Cathedral in Toronto in September of this year. With some very familiar faces and some completely new faces, it was yet another reminder of the "marvelous (and mysterious) network of friendships" (Sofia's term) that we discover in this unique and joyful journey of ours in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. For me, our shared history dates back to 1978 when I received a personal letter from Patricia Coulter who had just completed her two-year course in Rome. I had met Sofia the previous spring in Houston, Texas and was in the process of discerning whether or not I had the means and the courage to do the Rome course. I was feeling quite shaky about that decision when Patricia's letter arrived. Her encouragement was the very "spunta" I needed. (A "spunta" is not so much a push as a sort of "jump start": think luge run at the Olympics.) So off I went to Rome for the unparalleled richness of studying with Sofia and Gianna and all those beautiful Italian children of the Rome atrium.



The shared work between us in the U.S. and Canada, along with our special "network of friendships", has continued to grow and bear fruit over these past 40 years. No struggle or conflict has thwarted it! And so I felt very honored to get to be with Canadian catechists at the CGSAC gathering in 2015 and again this past September at the event hosted by the Archdiocese of Toronto group of catechists led by Anna Boyagoda. It was a vivid reminder that every time we gather in His name to celebrate the gifts we have received in this work, we are surprised by joy and are newly aware of how blessed we are to have been called to the catechesis.

After my talk at St. Michael's Cathedral I was quoted as having said that I do not like to prepare for such talks. I realized that perhaps I had given a mistaken impression that I prefer "to wing it", and this realization made me "commence to study on" (a term used by my mountain grandmother) the theme of preparation in our work of the catechesis. And what better time to think about it than in this season of waiting and preparation which we are entering in the Church.

Far from "winging it", when we enter the atrium to "listen to God" with a group of children in the atrium, we must first have "studied to show ourselves approved, a worker who need not be ashamed" (II Timothy 2:15). Indeed, who, besides ourselves, has any idea how much we study, how many course hours we have clocked, how many album pages we have struggled to write, how many materials we have made and remade in preparation for our time with the children in the atrium!? We prepare long and hard to become catechists, and then we go on preparing week by week for each atrium session. We read and meditate on the Scripture or liturgical moment we hope to present; we review the corresponding album pages, and, most importantly, we recall the previous atrium session and pray for understanding of what happened with each child and what might need to happen for them in the coming atrium session. And then, after doing our "homework", what do we do? We lay it all down at the threshold of the atrium. We open ourselves completely to the guidance and working of the Holy Spirit, the only True Teacher, in this atrium session and in each child.

It's a paradox, isn't it; it's one of many paradoxes in our work. What it comes down to is that it is only in preparing, only in "doing our homework" that we are able to be fully present to the moment, the children, and the Holy Spirit. A favorite quote that I have shared in many courses and that speaks to this theme of preparation comes from Sister Mary of the Holy Trinity:

*Let all your material work be regulated by order, method, and promptitude, so that you may be free to give yourself more to the life of the Spirit. I await you in material work in which I have such need to be*



## ADVENT LETTER continued

*served with perfection—but I also await you in stillness and freedom of mind, in order to surrender myself to your gaze.*

Thanks be to God who has called us to a work that means endless study, endless preparation, endless growth and endless joy!

With Advent blessings and love,  
Rebekah Rojcewicz

## THE OTTAWA REGIONAL GATHERING

Catechists and CGS friends in the Ottawa region came together for their fourth annual Advent Gathering on Friday November 30 at Blessed Sacrament Parish, home of the newest atrium in the diocese. Atria in six Ottawa parishes and one school were represented. Catechists shared a time of prayer and reflection in the church on the theme of entering into the Advent Spirit in the company of Mary (right), then adjourned for food and fellowship in the space shared with the atrium (partially visible in the background of the photo (next page).



*Blessed rose petals were made available to catechists as a sacramental sign of our unity and continued desire to remain connected to each other and to Jesus through Mary.*

## REGIONAL GATHERING continued



Standing Caroline Lobo, Cherylene Fitzsimons, Margaret Greenwood, Sarah MacDonald-McLean, Ruth Ann McClure, Jeanette MacDonald, Heather Harper-McLaurin  
Sitting: Meghann Baker, Kathleen LaBrie, Kim Baudouin, Dale Balkovec, Monica Chagoya

Parishes represented are: Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, St. Maurice, Sagrada Familia, Blessed Sacrament, Good Shepherd and Annunciation of the Lord.

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**Current and Upcoming Courses****Level 1**

**Winnipeg, MB:** Saturdays remaining in 2019– Jan.12, Feb.9, Mar. 9, Apr. 13, May 11, June 15

**Formation Facilitators:** Nancy Wood and Heather Skublics Lampman

**Kamloops, BC:** Part A - Jan 15-20, 2019 ;

Part B - May 15-20, 2019

**Formation Facilitators:** Dr. Debbie Zeni and Carolyne-Marie Petch

**Guelph, ON: Level 1 in three parts:** Jan 25-27, 2019; March 9-14; April 5 –7, 2019

**Formations Facilitators:** Dr. Debbie Zeni and Carolyne-Marie Petch

**Halifax, NS:** Part A– Feb 5-10, 2019 ;

Part B Apr 29— May 4, 2019

**Formation Facilitators:** Susan Perna and Carolyne-Marie Petch

**Winnipeg, MB:** Part A—Feb 16-21, 2019

Part B—Apr 9-14, 2019

**Formation Facilitators:** Dr. Debbie Zeni and Carolyne-Marie Petch

**Vancouver, BC:** Level 1 Part A—March 25-30, 2019

**Formation Facilitators:** Susan Perna and Carolyne-Marie Petch

Level 1 Part B—Nov. 9—11 and Nov. 16-17, 2019

**Formation Facilitators:** Susan Perna and TBD

**Montreal, QB:** Part A in 2 sessions– May 17-20 and June 21 –24, 2019

**Formation Facilitators:** Nancy Wood and Heather Skublics-Lampman

**Ottawa, ON:** Level 1 Part B– July 8-13, 2019

**Formation Facilitators:** Susan Perna and Annette Witte

**Level 2– none are currently scheduled. Contact Therese Wright if you wish to bring one to your area.**

**Level 3**

**Ottawa, ON:** Parts A and B– August 13-23, 2019

**Formation Facilitators:** Dr. Debbie Zeni and Carolyne-Marie Petch

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