CGS HERITAGE CALENDAR 2027-2029

2027 – Year 1

During our introductory year of the CGS Heritage Modules, we will be offering twelve newly designed modules for catechists to explore.

Spring Semester (Jan-May 2027)	Introduction to CGS Heritage	January 11 – March 5
	Maria Montessori – 6 weeks	March 29 –May 7
	Abraham Heschel – 6 weeks	March 29 –May 7
	The Kingdom of God Parables with Norman Perrin & Paul Ricouer – 6 weeks	March 29–May 7
Summer Semester (May-August 2027)	Introduction to CGS Heritage– 8 weeks	May 17 – July 9
	Maria Montessori – 6 weeks	May17 –July 9
	Francesco Rossi de Gasperis, SJ – 6 weeks	July 19 – August 27
	Jewish Interpretation of Creation – 6 weeks	July 19 – August 27
Fall Semester (September-December 2027)	Introduction to CGS Heritage– 8 weeks	September 7 – October 29
	Pierre Teilhard de Chardin – 8 weeks	September 7 – October 29
	Jewish Interpretation of Abraham story – 6 weeks	November 1 – December 10
	Abraham Heschel – 6 weeks	November 1- December 10

2028 – Year A

In 2028, we will be offering the following sequence of online modules. Dates for 2028 modules will be posted by June 2027. We anticipate offering this sequence of modules again in 2030. The Integrative Experience will be available to anyone finishing their CGS Heritage journey in each of the semesters. This module does not include Zoom sessions and can be completed at their own convenience before receiving their certificate.

Spring Semester (Jan-May 2028)	Intro to CGS Heritage– 8 wks	Mid-January – mid-March
	Romano Guardini – 8 wks	Mid-January – mid-March
	Maria Montessori – 6 weeks	Late March – early May
	Cipriano Vagaggini – 6 weeks	Late March – early May
Summer Semester (May-August 2028)	Jean Danielou – 8 weeks	Mid-May – mid-July
	Eugenio Zolli – 8 weeks	Mid-May – mid-July
	Abraham Heschel – 6 weeks	Mid-July - August
	The Kingdom of God Parables with Norman Perrin & Paul Ricouer (w/ Gerhard Lohfink) – 6 weeks	Mid-July - August
Fall Semester (September-December 2028)	Intro to CGS Heritage– 8 weeks	September - October
	Teilhard de Chardin – 8 weeks	September - October
	Gianna Gobbi – 6 weeks	November – mid-December
	TBD – 6 weeks	November – mid-December

2029 – Year B

In 2029, we will be offering the following sequence of online modules. Dates for 2029 modules will be posted by June 2028. We anticipate offering this sequence of modules again in 2031. The Integrative Experience will be available to anyone finishing their CGS Heritage journey in each of the semesters. This module does not include Zoom sessions and can be completed at their own convenience before receiving their certificate.

Spring Semester (Jan-May 2029)	Jean Danielou – 8 weeks	Mid-January – mid-March
	Teilhard de Chardin – 8 weeks	Mid-January – mid-March
	Eugenio Zolli – 8 weeks	Mid-January – mid-March
	Cavalletti & Modern Jewish Christian Dialogue – 6 weeks	Late March – early May
	Jewish Interpretation of Creation – 6 weeks	Late March – early May
Summer Semester (May-August 2029)	Intro to CGS Heritage– 8 weeks	Mid-May – mid-July
	Dalmazio Mongillo – 8 weeks	Mid-May – mid-July
	Romano Guardini – 8 weeks	Mid-May – mid-July
	Jewish Interpretation of Abraham story – 6 weeks	Mid-July - August
	Maria Montessori – 6 weeks	Mid-July - August
Fall Semester (September-December 2029)	Intro to CGS Heritage– 8 weeks	September - October
	Joseph Moignt – 8 weeks	September - October
	Guiseppe Dossetti & the Second Vatican Council – 8 weeks	September - October
	Francesco Rossi de Gasperis, SJ – 6 weeks	November – mid-December
	Jewish Interpretation of Exodus Stories – 6 weeks	November – mid-December

MODULE DESCRIPTIONS

RECOMMENDED OPENING MODULE:

Introductory Unit – 8 weeks (Year 1, A, B) – designed by Ann Garrido	This 8-week module is highly recommended for those beginning the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Heritage (CGSH) program. The module offers a general introduction to the major themes and events associated with the late 19th and early 20th century that formed the basis for the development of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd movement. It closes with a focus on Cavalletti's "My Readings" essays, preparing participants for future modules in CGSH on specific theologians and educators of this period.

GENERAL MODULE MENU BEGINNERS TRACK:

Maria Montessori – 6 weeks (Year 1, A, B) – designed by Anna Hurdle	This 6-week module focuses on Maria Montessori (1870-1952)—an Italian physician and pioneering educator who developed a revolutionary child-centered educational method based on observation and hands-on learning. She created the first "atrium" in Barcelona for children's faith formation, including materials still used today. Her positive vision of childhood's potential profoundly influenced Sofia Cavalletti's development of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and this module intends to explore that influence. Participants will learn more about her life with a special focus on her writings related to faith formation. Even those who have only completed

	Level 1 of CGS formation will find this module accessible and beneficial to their work with children.
Gianna Gobbi– 6 weeks (Year 1 & A) – TBD	This 6-week module offers catechists a deeper exploration of the life and writings of Gianna Gobbi (1919-2002)—a Montessori educator who became Sofia Cavalletti's closest collaborator in developing the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd beginning in 1954. Together they created materials and presentations for children's religious formation at Via degli Orsini in Rome, while Gobbi also helped to develop Infant/Toddler experiences. Even those who have only completed Level 1 of CGS formation will find this module accessible and beneficial to their work with children.
Romano Guardini – 8 weeks (Year A & B) – designed by Rebecca Malone	This 8-week module introduces Romano Guardini (1885-1968)—an Italian-German priest, theologian, and pioneer of liturgical renewal. His bestselling *The Spirit of Liturgy* (1918) and work with Catholic youth movements shaped pre-Vatican II reform. Dismissed by Nazis in 1939, he later influenced the Council's liturgical constitution as well as its vision of the Church in the modern world. His writings on prayer and sacramental signs were influenced *by* Maria Montessori while also influencing CGS presentations on liturgy. Participants will gain an appreciation of his life while focusing on his works in liturgical theology and moral formation in the modern era. Easily accessible and helpful background for catechists who have completed even one Level of CGS formation.
The Kingdom of God Parables with Norman Perrin & Paul Ricouer (w/ Gerhard Lohfink) – 6 weeks (Year 1 & A) – designed by Paula Rush	This 6-week module will briefly introduce English biblical scholar Norman Perrin (1920-1976) and French philosopher Paul Ricoeur (1913-2005) with a special focus on their work with the parables of the Kingdom of God, found so often in the preaching of Jesus and a core theme in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd movement. Participants will have the opportunity to explore how these scholars highlighted many of the same parables highlighted in CGS while also receiving a short introduction to a modern German parable scholar with similar value for catechists, Gerhard Lohfink. Easily accessible and helpful background for catechists who have completed even one Level of CGS formation.
Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, SJ – 8 weeks (Year 1, A, B) – designed by Ann Garrido, featuring Fr. Don Goergen	This 8-week module introduces Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955)—a French Jesuit priest, paleontologist, and theologian who synthesized evolutionary science with Christian faith. His cosmic vision of creation's convergence toward unity in Christ profoundly influenced Cavalletti's understanding of salvation history, particularly in presentations on God's plan, the Parousia, and Eucharist. Participants will explore Teilhard's life and a selection of his writings most related to CGS themes. Easily accessible and helpful background for catechists who have completed at least the first half of Level 2 CGS formation.
Abraham Heschel – 6 weeks (Year 1, A, B) – designed by Julie Kilian	This 6 week module focuses on the life and writing of Abraham Joshua Heschel (1907-1972)—a Polish-born Jewish theologian who escaped Nazi Germany in 1940, losing most of his family in the Holocaust. A prolific writer and scholar, his works on Jewish spirituality influenced *Nostra Aetate* and thinkers like Sofia Cavalletti. Easily accessible and helpful background for catechists who have completed even one Level of CGS formation.
Dalmazio Mongillo – 8 weeks (Year B) – designed by Ashleigh Keys	This 8-week module offers an exploration of the life and writings of Dalmazio Mongillo (1928-2005)—a Dominican priest and moral theologian who taught at the Angelicum in Rome. Known for making Aquinas accessible and relevant, he deeply influenced Sofia Cavalletti's approach to moral formation in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, particularly Level III materials on the "cosmic maxims" and virtues. Even participants who have only completed

	Level 1 CGS formation will find this module helpful in their work as catechists.
Jean Danielou – 8 weeks (Year A & B) – designed by Paula Rush	This 8-week module introduces Jean Daniélou (1905-1974)—a French Jesuit priest, patristic scholar, and cardinal who co-founded *Sources Chrétiennes*, recovering early Church texts. A leader of the Nouvelle Théologie movement, he influenced Vatican II's return to biblical and patristic sources. His work on typology and early catechesis deeply shaped Sofia Cavalletti's typological methodology. Participants will have the opportunity to focus in a particular way his writings on the sacrament of Baptism. Recommended for catechists who have completed at least two levels of CGS formation.
Guiseppe Dossetti & the Second Vatican Council – 8 weeks (Year B) - TBD	This 8-week module will introduce Giuseppe Dossetti (1913–1996)—an Italian politician, professor, and Catholic priest who helped draft Italy's postwar constitution and served in its parliament for four years. He left politics for religious life, founding a monastic community and becoming ordained in 1959 before serving as one of the most significant periti for the Second Vatican Council. Participants will become familiar not only with his life and role in the Council, but also the multiple ways that he appears in Sofia Cavalletti's writing. Easily accessible and helpful background for catechists who are at any stage of their CGS formation.
Eugenio Zolli – 8 weeks (Year A & B) – designed by Ruth Ohm Sutherland	This 8-week module will introduce Eugenio Zolli (1881-1956)—the Chief Rabbi of Rome who chose to become Catholic in 1945, taking Pope Pius XII's baptismal name. A biblical scholar specializing in Jewish messianism and Jesus' Jewish context, he taught at La Sapienza where Cavalletti became his research assistant. His interpretative method—close textual reading, typology, and seeing God's plan across testaments—profoundly shaped Cavalletti's scriptural approach, as participants in this module will quickly discover. Easily accessible and helpful background for catechists who have completed even one Level of CGS formation.

GENERAL MODULE MENU ADVANCED TRACK:

Francesco Rossi de Gasperis, SJ – 6 weeks (Year 1 & B) – designed by Clare Heinrich	This 6-week module will introduce Francesco Rossi de Gasperis—an Italian Jesuit priest and scripture scholar specializing in Jewish-Christian dialogue and the Jewish roots of Christianity. Teaching at the Gregorian University and Biblical Institute in Jerusalem, he emphasized that Christianity began in Jerusalem, not Rome—a perspective referenced in Cavalletti's writing and one she saw as paralleling children's spiritual insights. Participants will gain insight into Rossi de Gasperis' life and writings that shaped CGS. Recommended for catechists who have completed (or are currently enrolled in) Level 3 of CGS formation.
Cipriano Vagaggini – 6 weeks (Year A) – designed by Debbie Dobson	This 6-week module introduces Cipriano Vagaggini (1909-1999)—an Italian Benedictine liturgical scholar who served as chief architect of Vatican II's *Sacrosanctum Concilium*. His seminal work *Theological Dimensions of the Liturgy* emphasized the Christological-Trinitarian and cosmic nature of worship and profoundly influenced Cavalletti's understanding of liturgy's function. Participants should anticipate profound but higher-level readings. Recommended for catechists who have completed at least two levels of CGS formation.
Cavalletti & Modern Jewish Christian Dialogue – 6 weeks (Year B) - TBD	Catechists are often aware of Cavalletti's interest in the Jewish roots of Christianity. In this 6-week module, participants will have the opportunity to dive more deeply into her relationship to the Jewish community and her longtime commitment to Jewish-Christian dialogue. The module concludes

	with a brief introduction to the state of Jewish-Christian dialogue in recent years. Recommended for catechists who have completed (or are currently enrolled in) Level 3 of CGS formation.
Joseph Moignt – 8 weeks (Year B) – designed by Beth Blackburn	This 8-week module will introduce Joseph Moingt (1915–2020)—a French Jesuit priest and theologian who directed *Recherches de science religieuse* for nearly three decades and taught at Institut Catholique de Paris. Moingt was mentioned at length in an appendix to Cavalletti's "My Readings" as a systematic theologian who she highly recommended but remains little known in the CGS world. Participants will have the opportunity to read newly translated works of Moignt related to God within human history. Recommended for catechists who have completed (or are currently enrolled in) Level 3 of CGS formation.
Jewish Interpretation of Abraham story – 6 weeks (Year 1 & B) – designed by Rabbi Barry Friedman	Acknowledging long study of the Hebrew Scriptures engaged by Sofia Cavalletti, this 6-week module will introduce participants to Jewish approaches to reading and interpreting the Abraham story from the book of Genesis. Particularly intended for catechists who are currently enrolled in or have completed Level 3 CGS formation.
Jewish Interpretation of Exodus Stories – 6 weeks (Year B) – designed by Rabbi Barry Friedman	Acknowledging long study of the Hebrew Scriptures engaged by Sofia Cavalletti, this 6-week module will introduce participants to Jewish approaches to reading and interpreting the Exodus story. Particularly intended for catechists who are currently enrolled in or have completed Level 3 CGS formation.
Jewish Interpretation of Creation – 6 weeks (Year Intro and B) – designed by Rabbi Barry Friedman	Acknowledging long study of the Hebrew Scriptures engaged by Sofia Cavalletti, this 6-week module will introduce participants to Jewish approaches to reading and interpreting the creation stories of Genesis. Particularly intended for catechists who are currently enrolled in or have completed Level 3 CGS formation.

CLOSING MODULE FOR PARTICIPANTS DESIRING A CERTIFICATE:

Integrative Experience	The Integrative Experience is an entirely online module designed for those who are wrapping up their CGS Heritage journey with a certificate. This is an individualized course that does not include discuss with other participants or weekly Zoom sessions, but rather gives participants an opportunity to thread their learning in previous modules with their ministry as a CGS catechist, attending in a special way to the writings of Sofia Cavalletti.