

## **GUIDELINES FOR THE USE OF THE CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD IN PARISHES AND SCHOOLS OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA**

1. The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, with its Roman Catholic Resources, is approved for use by the Office for Catechetical Formation of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in accordance with the following guidelines:
  - a. The use of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd must be approved by the pastor(s) in concert with the Director of Religious Education or School Principal.
  - b. The Catechists for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd are under the direct supervision of the Director of Religious Education in the case of the Religious Education Program and of the Principal in the case of the Catholic Elementary Parish or Regional School.
  - c. The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Program may be used up to and including the level/grade for reception of First Holy Communion, and is permitted beyond that as an enrichment or supplement to the existing curricula as defined by the Secretariat for Catholic Education.
2. The Catechists of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd serve as catechists of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The training and formation provided by the National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd satisfies the core courses of the Catechetical Certification Policy of the Archdiocese. The Office for Catechetical Formation recommends that Catechists for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd participate in ongoing catechetical formation course and/or workshops.
3. The Office for Catechetical Formation, in its role to oversee all catechetical initiatives of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, is responsible for the use of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.