



**NOVENA
for the Ministry of
Catechesis of
the Good Shepherd**

April 12 – 21, 2024

All Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, catechists and supporters of our ministry are invited to pray the novena during this Easter season. April 21st, is Good Shepherd Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Easter). Together we pray for unity of hearts and purpose as we work together to spread the Good News to children across Canada and facilitate the opportunity for children to fall in love with Jesus, our Good Shepherd.

St. Charles Borromeo and St. Robert Bellarmine,

We ask that you intercede for us on behalf of the work of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in our community, region and around the world, to our God: The Father who is the vine dresser Jesus our Good Shepherd and True Vine, and the Holy Spirit who is the sap flowing within us.

We are grateful for the work of Maria Montessori, Gianna Gobbi and Sofia Cavalletti, who through careful observation of children have helped us to know more deeply the secret of childhood, and have enhanced our understanding of Jesus' words, "Whoever does not accept the Kingdom of God like a child will not enter it."

As the ministry of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd grows, we ask for guidance and counsel in our work. We long to bring people of all ages closer to Jesus and to help them understand that God is right there with them in everyday events. We hold in prayer the preparation of atria, the formation of catechists, and the children and families this work seeks to serve. May more children and adults join this ministry, and experience a closer relationship with God.

Help us to be open to the answers that come and to see the path that God has laid before us. We place all our dreams, desires and longings into the hands of God who is our Redeemer.

Thank you for your intercessions St. Charles Borromeo and St. Robert Bellarmine.

Our Father (3 times)

Hail Mary (3 times)

Glory be (3 times)