



## POLICY 02: FOUNDATIONAL STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES AND VALUES

We, as members of CGSAC, embrace the Good Shepherd as our model for how we are to fulfill the responsibilities that come with membership, particularly when representing the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd as catechists, formation facilitators, Board members and committee members.

Jesus provides for us the ultimate norm for living as a child of God, always focused on the will and the plan of the heavenly Father. He is the Inner Teacher who calls every person by name and reveals to us the kingdom of God and our place in it.

We strive to be of good moral character and to acquire both the theological knowledge of our religious traditions and the pedagogical skills necessary for communicating this knowledge in ways that serve the spiritual needs and capacities of the child.

We exhibit a deep commitment to the Church and loyalty to her traditions and teaching.

We are guided in our decisions and work collaboratively as an association, and as individual members, by the principles set out in *The Spirit of the Catechesis: 32 Points of Reflection*.

Board members, committee members and formation facilitators may have additional expectations outlined in policies pertinent to their specific roles.

In light of what has been said, we seek to follow Jesus' commandment to love God and to love your neighbour as yourself. Therefore:

1. We respect the dignity of each child and adult by providing service without discrimination.
2. We respect the dignity and gifts of our brothers and sisters in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) and work with a spirit of collaboration.
3. We offer to the best of our ability the fullness of the CGS within the context where we serve.
4. We strive to do our work in a way that recognizes the priority of our families and communities and the importance of our own well-being.
5. We are sensitive to and vigilant to avoid conflicts of interest.
6. We follow the volunteer screening protocols and expectations of conduct of the local parishes, dioceses and schools where we serve and adhere to all federal and provincial statutes regarding the protection of children and the reporting of abuse.
7. We follow the health and safety recommendations of local and diocesan authorities.
8. We respect the confidentiality appropriately due to all involved in the work and ministry of CGSAC.