



Feast of the Evangelist St. Luke
October 18, 2017

Dear Friends of the CGS:

On this occasion of the 2017 gathering of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Association of Canada, I welcome you to our Nation's Capital in the 150th year of Canada's Confederation and the 70th anniversary of the historic Ottawa Marian Congress of 1947.

My first acquaintance with the CGS was when I served as Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto and visited the Atrium at St. Benedict's Parish in Rexdale. I was enraptured by what I saw!

Since then, I have seen the joy and the energy this catechetical model has been able to impart to youngsters (and their catechists) as both imbibe the primal elements of our faith. What a gift the CGS is to the most precious members of our Christian faith, our children.

Following in the footsteps of my predecessor, Archbishop Marcel Gervais, I have endorsed the CGS in Ottawa and environs from the beginning of my episcopal service in this Archdiocese. It is my fervent hope that many more parish priests will come to know, appreciate, and promote the CGS in their faith communities.

I pray that St. Luke, who showed forth how Christ proclaimed Good News to the little ones and all the poor, may inspire you in your catechesis. May you have a wonderful conference on this coming weekend; I look forward to celebrating Mass and sharing fellowship with you on October 22nd.

Faithfully yours in the Lord,

✠ Terrence Prendergast, S.J.
Archbishop of Ottawa