

Registration Form

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level I

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Formation Site:

St. Monica Catholic Church
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For more information:

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Formation Leaders

Kathleen Borgert is certified in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in Levels I, II, & III and has been working with children in the atrium since 2011. She is a CGSUSA recognized formation leader for Level I. She serves children in Level I & II atria at the Catholic School of St. Eugene in OKC, where she is a classroom teacher. Kathleen has a Bachelor's in Elementary Education from the University of Oklahoma. She is married, and is also mother to a teenager.

Kathleen Borgert
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Mara Lemcke is certified in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in all three levels (for ages 3 to 6, 6 to 9, and 9 to 12) and has been working with children in the atrium since 2005. She serves children in all three levels at St. Monica Catholic Church in Edmond, OK. She is a recognized formation leader by the National Association of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for Level 1. Mara received a degree in Pastoral Studies with a concentration in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd from the Aquinas Institute of Theology. She is a wife, a mother to four children, and a grandmother to two children.

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Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

*Listening to God
with Children*

FORMATION COURSE FOR CATECHISTS OF CHILDREN 3 TO 6 YEARS OLD

Level 1, Part 2

June 9-11; July 7-9; September 23;
November 4, 2023; February 10, 2024.
Fridays – 5:00-8:30pm; Saturdays and
Sundays 9:00 am - 4:30 pm



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WHAT IS THE CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD?

CGS is a Montessori-based method of religious formation for children ages 3-12, where children can grow in their relationship with God through a deep engagement in Scripture and Liturgy.

GOD AND THE CHILD

CGS is based on the belief that God and the child are already in a relationship.

"The child...so rich in love...seeks something (Someone) to correspond to it... in the contact with God the child experiences unfailing love.
(Sofia Cavalletti, *The Religious Potential of the Child*)
The work of the adult catechist is to prepare an environment, accompany the children in their encounter with God, and nurture the relationship as they come close to God.

THE ATRIUM

CGS offers the children a sacred "hands-on" space called the Atrium, in which both the children and their catechist can listen to, ponder, and celebrate together the most essential mysteries of the Catholic faith as revealed in the Scriptures and the Liturgy.

This course will ground the participants in the theory and praxis of CGS, concretely preparing him/her to develop and facilitate an atrium for 3-6 year old children.

Course Objectives:

- To present the methodology and guiding principles of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for the 3–6-year-old (Level I) child.
- To explore the religious nature and the most vital religious needs of the 3-6 (Level I) child.
- To offer the adult time to prayerfully reflect and consider the Biblical and Liturgical themes presented to the 3–6-year-old children.
- To broaden the adult's ability to observe and learn from the child, to listen to the Scriptures with the child, to deepen your own enjoyment of God.
- To offer guidelines and assistance in preparing a Level I Atrium environment, and making the catechist's album and materials.

Certification

The Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd offers certification for Level I after completion of Part I and Part II: 90-120 hours total. Tuition includes the certification fee.

Tuition/Registration

Tuition for the course is:
\$400 for Part 2, due by May 19, 2023
\$150 non-refundable deposit due by May 12, 2023.

For those serving parishes in the Archdioceses of Oklahoma City through their faith formation programs or Catholic Schools, the archdiocese will sponsor 50% of their tuition.

Deadline to register is
May 12, 2023

If we want to help the child draw nearer to God, we should with patience and courage, seek to go always closer to the vital nucleus of things. This requires study and prayer. The children will be our teachers if we know how to observe them.
_ Sofia Cavalletti