Registration Form

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Level II

Name:_____
Phone(____)_____
Address:_____
City/State/Zip:_____
E-Mail:_____
Parish:_____
Level 1 Adult Formation completed:
___ yes. I completed my Level 1 formation in _____(date), at _____(location). My formation leader was _____.
___ no. I need to complete Level 1.
Level 2 Adult Formation completed:
___yes. I completed Level 2 Part 1 in _____(date), at _____(location). My formation leader was _____.
____no. I need to complete Level 2 Part 1.

Current member of CGSUSA: _____

Hosted by:
Archdiocese of Oklahoma City

Formation Site:
St. Monica Catholic Church
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Edmond, Oklahoma   73012

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Formation Leader

Angie Bielefeld began working with children in the Atrium through the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in 2001. She is a certified CGS catechist in Levels I, II, and III and serves children in all three levels at Casa Dei Bambini in Wichita, KS. She is also a recognized formation leader by the National Association of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for Levels 1 and 2. Angie helped to bring CGS to several parishes in the Wichita Diocese. She currently serves on the Casa Dei Bambini Board of Directors, a ministry she helped found in 2018, whose mission is to offer CGS to all children in the Diocese of Wichita. Angie has served on formation teams in the dioceses of Wichita, Tulsa, Arkansas-Little Rock, and Kansas City. Angie has a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Pittsburg State University. Angie is a wife and mother to eight children.

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

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Formation Course
For
Catechists
Of children 6 to 9 years old

Level 1I, Part 2
July 17-July 20 and August 5-8, 2023
9:00 am - 4:30 pm

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The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Montessori-based religious formation program for children, ages three to twelve. It seeks to create and facilitate a sacred, "hands-on" space for children called an atrium, in which both the children and the catechists can hear, ponder, and celebrate the most essential mysteries of their faith as revealed in the Scriptures and the Liturgy. The Catechesis seeks to help the child's relationship with God flourish by introducing and pondering with the child core mysteries of the faith in a way that is respectful of both the child at this phase of her/his development and the rich Scriptural and Liturgical heritage of our Sacramental tradition.

Focusing on God's unconditional love through the parable of the Good Shepherd, the Level I catechist formation course is based on the conviction that God and the child are in relationship. Level II formation expands on the themes presented in Level I, as well as introduces themes around the History of the Kingdom of God and our role in it, Moral Formation, and the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion are also a key component of this catechist formation.

This course will give you the background formation as well as the skills to create a prepared environment, an atrium, and to offer presentations that enable the child to draw nearer to God.

Course Objectives

- To explore with participants the general development and religious characteristics of the 6–9-year-old child.
- To facilitate further meditation upon the biblical and liturgical themes of the Catechesis.
- To offer guidelines and assistance to catechists in setting up an atrium for 6–9-year-olds, preparing an album, and making materials.
- To deepen participant's ability to observe and learn from children, while also exploring avenues for deepening parental and congregational ability to observe and learn from children.

Certification

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

Tuition/Registration

Tuition for the course is:
$400 for Part 1, due by June 26, 2023
$150 non-refundable deposit
due by June 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
June 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*