

CGS LEVEL II FORMATION COURSE REGISTRATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Parish: _____

Completed Level I Formation

date: _____ course # _____

location _____

REQUIREMENTS:

Level I course completed by an approved CGSUSA formation leader. The national certificate honors your full attendance and participation in the entire formation course. If an absence due to illness or family emergency is unavoidable, inform the formation leader as soon as possible.

Tuition includes 90-100 hours of workshop, album development supervision, and a certificate fee. Upon completion of the course, a certificate will be awarded by the National Association of the Good Shepherd.

Course Host

The Church of St. Luke

1980 Hillsdale Rd.

El Cajon, CA 92019

619-442-1697

Contact: Michelle Hayford

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TUITION/REGISTRATION

Tuition per participant:

\$400 for part I, \$400 for part II, \$800 total cost of course. Tuition does not include books or materials.

Deposit for part I: \$200 due June 1, 2023

Balance of \$200 for part I due July 7, 2023

Deposit for part II: \$200 due June 1, 2024

Balance of \$200 for part II due July 1, 2024

Make checks payable to:

The Church of St. Luke

submit to:

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c/o Michelle Hayford

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD FORMATION COURSE LEVEL II



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DATES & TIMES

Part I: July 17-25, 2023

Part II: July 8-16, 2024

Weekdays: 9am-5pm

Saturdays: 9am-1pm

Sunday: Rest

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Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Montessori based religious formation program for children beginning at the age of three. It seeks to create and facilitate a sacred, "hands-on" space for children called an atrium, in which both the children and the catechist can hear, ponder, and celebrate the most essential mysteries of the Christian faith as revealed in the scriptures and the liturgy. Originally developed in Rome by Dr. Sofia Cavaletti and Gianna Gobbi over 60 years ago, the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd continues to spread world wide and is used with adaption in various Christian traditions. The Level II course grounds the participant in the theory and praxis of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd while also concretely preparing her/him to develop and facilitate an atrium for 6-9 years olds. The Level II cycle is designed to meet the needs of the 6-9 year old child.

(Pre-requisite: CGS Level I Training)

Course Description

The themes are introduced at this level corresponding to the child's heightened sense of morality and developing ability to think abstractly. The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd requires formation for adults at each level or age group. The course includes giving all the biblical and liturgical presentations as given to the Level II child, discussion and adult reflection on the key theological themes pertinent to this aged child, and assistance in the beginning to prepare one's Level II album and atrium materials.



Course Objectives

- To explore with participants the general developmental and religious characteristics of the 6-9 year old child.
- To explore the religious capacity of the 6-9 year old child through observation and discussion.
- To meditate deeply on Biblical and Liturgical themes of Sacred History, Sacraments and Moral Formation.
- To offer guidance and assistance in preparing an atrium, the catechist album, and catechetical material.

FORMATION LEADER

MARTY O'BRYAN began her formation in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in 1983 with Sofia Cavalletti in Washington D.C. Her other formation leaders were Maria Christlieb from Mexico City and Rebekah Rojcewicz from the U.S. Marty has been conducting adult formation at Levels I, II, and III throughout the United States since 1991. A retired speech and language pathologist, Marty holds a Master of Arts degree in Pastoral Studies with emphasis in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd from Aquinas Institute of Theology. Currently, she works with children in Levels I, II, and III atria in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix. Along with her husband, Bert, and a Montessorian Maria E. Reed, Marty established the first CGS atrium in the Southwest in 1985, the Holy Family Catechetical Center, which served as the prototype for atria for the Diocese of Phoenix. It operated continuously for 15 years until a sufficient number of atria were established in surrounding parishes.

