

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Level II Formation Course

for Catechists working with children ages 6 - 9



Course Description

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) seeks to create and facilitate a sacred, “hands-on” space for children called an atrium, in which both the children and their catechists can hear, ponder, and celebrate the most essential mysteries of the Catholic faith as revealed in the Scriptures and the Liturgy. Formation Leader Carolyn Kohlhaas will present Level II training at St. Lambert Church. The training will build upon and deepen the fundamentals of our faith that are presented in Level I. New themes will be introduced in this level which correspond to the child’s heightened sense of morality and ability to think abstractly.

Course Objectives

- ◆ To explore the most vital religious needs and the general developmental characteristics of the 6 - 9 year old child
- ◆ To facilitate meditation on the Biblical and liturgical themes presented to the 6 - 9 year old
- ◆ To further the catechist’s ability to observe and learn from the elementary age child
- ◆ To offer guidance and assistance in preparing the atrium, making the catechist’s album, and materials for the Level II atrium

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Dates: Level II, Part A June 3 - 8, 2024
Level II, Part B June 2 - 7, 2025

Class Time: 9:00am - 5:00pm

Location: St. Lambert, 1000 S Bahnon Ave, Sioux Falls, SD

Registration Fee:

Level II, Part A: \$225 (includes certification fee)
Level II, Part B: \$200

***Registration is not complete until Part A fee is submitted*
Pay online or make checks payable to St. Lambert Church**

Training hosted by St. Lambert & Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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What is the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd?

CGS is a Montessori-based Catholic faith formation program where children can grow in their relationship with God through a deep engagement in Scripture and liturgy. Originally developed in Rome by Sofia Cavalletti and Gianna Gobbi fifty years ago, the Catechesis continues to spread worldwide.

God and the Child

CGS is based on the belief that God and the child are already in relationship. Our work as adults is to provide a place for the child and God to come together and grow.

The Atrium and Materials

The atrium is a specially prepared room where children can come to know Jesus, the Good Shepherd. The atrium is prepared with materials that children work with as a way of meditating upon the essentials of our faith found in Scripture and in liturgy.



Formation Leader

Carolyn Kohlhaas is a nationally recognized Formation Leader for CGS at all three levels of formation. She received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Theology and in Religious Education from Franciscan University of Steubenville and her AMI Primary (3 - 6) and Elementary (6 - 12) Level Certifications from the Montessori Training Center of Minnesota. Carolyn has a Master of Education degree (Loyola College, Maryland) as well as a Master of Arts in Theology (St. Paul Seminary School of Divinity). She has worked with children in Atriums in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis since 2006 and with adults in formation courses across the US since 2009.