

CGS LEVEL 1 FORMATION COURSE REGISTRATION

Name: _____

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Diocese: _____

REQUIRED TEXT BOOKS:

- *The Religious Potential of the Child* by Sofia Cavalletti
- *Nurturing the Whole Child* by Gianna Gobbi
- *The Good Shepherd & the Child: A Joyful Journey* by Sofia Cavalletti, Patricia Coulter, Gianna Gobbi, Dr. Silvana

Please purchase these books prior to the beginning of the course. Available online at **CGSUSA.org (Shop > Publications)**.

Course content includes 90+ hours of workshop and album development supervision. Upon completion of this course, the certificate for Level 1 will be awarded by the United States Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

COURSE HOST

St. Margaret Parish
4300 Oceanside Blvd.
Oceanside, CA 92056

Contact: Jamie Austria
Phone: (760) 941-5560

TUITION/REGISTRATION

\$700 per participant. Tuition does not include books or materials.

Part 1 Deposit: \$150 due 7/12/2025
Part 1 Payment: \$200 due 7/25/2025
Part 2 payments TBD

Make checks payable to:
St. Margaret Parish

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD FORMATION COURSE LEVEL 1



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DATES & TIMES

July 25-26, 2025
August 1-2, 2025
August 22-23, 2025
September 6, 2025
9:00am-5:30pm

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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 Cavalletti and Gianna Gobbi over 60 years ago, the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd continues to spread world wide and is used with adaptation in various Christian traditions. The Level 1 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 3-6 year olds.

Course Description

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 1 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 1 album and atrium materials.

Course Objectives

- To explore with participants the general development and religious characteristics of the 3-6 year old child.
- To explore the religious capacity of the 3-6 year old child.
- To meditate deeply on biblical and liturgical themes of the Catechesis.
- To offer guidance and assistance in preparing an atrium, the catechist album, and catechetical material.

Formation Leaders

DEBBIE STENOVEC has been a catechist for many years, starting her formation with Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in 2011 as a K-5 Faith Formation Coordinator. She began welcoming children to the Level 1 atrium in 2013, followed by Levels 2 and 3. She has completed formation in all four CGS levels. After retiring from her coordinator role, she was recognized as a Level 1 Formation Leader. Debbie now serves in the Atria for Levels 1-3 at her Parish. She is married to Deacon Jerry. They have two sons and four grandchildren.