

LEVEL I FORMATION COURSE

REGISTRATION INFO

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 2024-2025

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TUITION INFORMATION

Deadline to register is June 20, 2024.
Cost is \$600 for the complete course.
Checks may be made payable to Saint
John the Baptist Catholic Church.
Deposit of \$300 is due by Friday, June
20, 2024 to secure spot in course.
Remaining tuition balance of \$300 is
due June 20, 2025. To apply for a
partial scholarship or for payment
options please contact Kira Ellen.

FORMATION LEADER

Michelle Knox has served as
Coordinator of Family Faith
Formation and Catechesis of the
Good Shepherd for Saint Isidore
parish and school in Yuba City, CA
for the last 10 years. She has
completed CGS formation for Levels
I, II, III, and Infant/Toddler. She is
officially recognized as a formation
leader by the National Association
of the Catechesis of the Good
Shepherd in Levels I and II and
enjoys leading formation courses for
parishes and schools. Michelle has
been joyfully listening to the voice
of the Good Shepherd with children
in the atrium since 2012.



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LEVEL ONE ADULT FORMATION COURSE PART 1

Working with 3-6 year old children



CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD
SHEPHERD

*We invite you to join us as we
explore the wonder of
God's grace through the
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd*

**June 27 - 29, 2024 and
August 1 - 3, 2024**

9:15am - 5:15pm

St. John the Baptist
416 Chestnut Street, Chico

A VISION FOR CHILDREN



The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd offers Christian formation for children ages 3 through 12, fostering the development of a child's authentic, faithful relationship with God. The Catechesis seeks to create and facilitate a sacred, hands-on space for children called an atrium in which both the child and the adult listen together, ponder, and celebrate the most essential mysteries of the Christian faith as revealed in Scripture and liturgy.

This approach to Christian formation began in Rome, Italy, in 1954 with Sofia Cavalletti, a biblical scholar, and her colleague, Gianna Gobbi, a Montessori trained educator. In their observation and engagement with children, they sought to discover what face of God children most needed to see in order to grow in their knowledge and love of Him. Over sixty years later, the Catechesis has spread all over the world.

This course will educate and form the participant in the theory and practice of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd while also concretely preparing him/her to develop and facilitate an atrium for 3-6 year-old children.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

The Level I training is the foundation for all three levels of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. The objectives of Level I adult formation include:

- To present the guiding principles of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- To explore the religious nature and the vital religious needs of the 3-6 year old child
- To offer the adult time to prayerfully reflect and personally consider the Biblical and liturgical themes presented to the 3-6 year old child
- To broaden the adult's ability to observe and learn from children's spirituality
- To cultivate the capacity to deeply listen to and enjoy with children the Word of God
- To study the Montessori foundations that undergird this approach to spiritual formation
- To offer guidelines and assistance in preparing the atrium, making the catechist's album, and materials.



MEALS & LODGING



Snacks will be provided by St. John's. Lunches will not be provided, so please bring your own sack lunch. A refrigerator & microwave are available. Lodging is available at nearby hotels and may be available through parishioners. Please contact Kira Ellen for information about hotels or to inquire about staying in a parishioner's home.

YOUR INVITATION

You are invited to participate in this Level I formation course which will prepare you to work in an atrium with children ages 3 to 6 years old.

This course is designed to be a spiritual formation for adults as well as instruction in this approach to catechesis for children.

The retreat-like pace allows for a contemplative prayer experience for adults as well as models the atrium experience for children.

Successful participation of this course will result in a certificate from the National Association of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. This course is offered in conjunction with the National Association of CGS.

"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