

# CGS LEVEL I FORMATION COURSE REGISTRATION

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## REQUIRED TEXT BOOKS:

- The Religious Potential of the Child by Sofia Cavalletti
- Listening to God with Children by Gianna Gobbi (this book is out of print, we will discuss options at formation)
- 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.

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

## Course Host

The Church of St. Luke  
1980 Hillside Rd.  
El Cajon, CA 92019  
619-442-1697

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## TUITION/REGISTRATION

### Tuition per participant:

\$600 per participant. Tuition does not include books or materials.

Deposit: \$300 due March 29, 2024  
Balance of \$300 due April 12, 2024

Make checks payable to:  
The Church of St. Luke  
submit to:

The Church of St. Luke  
1980 Hillside Rd. El Cajon, CA 92019  
c/o Michelle Hayford

# CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD FORMATION COURSE LEVEL I



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## DATES & TIMES

Apr 19-20 / May 24-25 / Jun 7-8  
Aug 9-11 / Sept 13-14 / Oct 11-12  
2024

Fri & Sat: 9am - 5pm  
Sun: 10am - 5pm  
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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 I 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 years olds. The Level I cycle is designed to meet the needs of the 3-6 year old child.

## 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 I 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 I album and atrium materials.

## Course Objectives

- To explore with participants the general developmental and religious characteristics of the 3-6 year old child.
- To explore the religious capacity of the 3-6 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

RHIANNON JENSEN has been a catechist for several years, working in the atrium at all three levels. She has a passion for making materials and building beautiful atrium environments for children to encounter Christ. Rhiannon has led Level I formation courses for adults in California and Alaska. She currently lives in California with her husband and son where she continues to serve in the atrium in levels 1-3, as well as leading adult courses.

