

Registration Form

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Name: _____

Address: _____

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Phone: _____

Parish: _____

Denomination: _____

Level I Course: _____
(date & location)

Do you require accommodations? _____

Please circle amount which applies:

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| Fee for Non CGSAC Members: | \$375 |
| Early Bird Fee for CGSAC Members (before April 1, 2017): | \$300 |
| CGSAC Member fee (after April 1): | \$325 |
| CGSAC Membership Number: _____ | |
| Refresher (for those who have previously completed CGS Level 2 training): | \$20 (per day) |

Please mail this section with your cheque to:
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About the Formation Leaders

Dr. Debbie Zeni

Deb is a CGSAC certified Level 1-3 catechist & formation leader who has facilitated courses across Canada and in Nairobi, Kenya. She received her MPS-CGS in May 2012 and is currently working on a DMin. at Aquinas Institute. Deb served on the CGSAC board for 10 years and now enjoys being a member of the Formation Committee of CGSAC, a family physician, a grandmother of 2, a catechist and Formation Facilitator.

Carolynne-Marie Petch

Carolynne-Marie is a certified catechist and formation leader for Levels 1-3. As one of the founders of CGS in Canada, she is a long-standing member of the CGSAC formation team and leads a Level III atrium at St Benedict's, Toronto. Carolynne-Marie received her Level I formation from Sofia Cavalletti and Gianna Gobbi.

Registration Deadline: May 15, 2017
Please note that a minimum of 12 paid registrants is required to run this course.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd



Level II Formation Part A

A formation experience for adults working with children aged 6-9 years in a parish, home or school setting.

July 5-9, 2017
8:30am - 5:00pm

Our Lady of the
Miraculous Medal Parish
Russell, Ontario

Offered in cooperation with:
The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Association of Canada (CGSAC)

Please bring your lunch.
We will potluck snacks throughout the week.
Coffee and tea will be provided.

For more information, please contact:
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Introduction

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is a Christian formation for children ages 3 through 12. Level I is for children 3-6 years, Level II for children 6-9 years, and Level III for children 9-12 years. The CGS is based on the teaching methods of Maria Montessori and on the understanding that there is a deep bond between God and each child which produces in the child the desire to draw near to God.

In the CGS, the meeting space, called the atrium, is a spiritual environment - a place of worship. It is perceived as 'holy ground.' Sacred time in the atrium is time where children and adults together listen to God. It is a time and place for community and worship where the spiritual life of the child is nurtured. It is a place of work that becomes prayer and conversation with God. It is a prepared environment where children grow in knowledge of Jesus and his love. The work in the atrium prepares children for involvement in the liturgical life of the larger worshipping community.

In Level II, hands-on materials continue to encourage children to explore and deepen their experiences of God at their own pace. An emphasis is placed on exploring God's covenant relationship with humanity throughout history, and fulfilled at the time of Parousia, as lived in sacraments, as experienced in moral parables and as discovered in the parable of the True Vine. The catechist's role is to prepare the environment and materials; present works that call forth the child's response - contemplation and joy - then step back, allowing God and the child to work together.

Course Objectives

-To present the methodology and guiding principles of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for the 6-9 year old child.

-To explore the religious nature and the most vital religious needs of the Level II child.

-To delve into the mystery of God's covenant relationship with us through Salvation History (or Sacred History).

-To meditate on the events of Jesus' life and relate them to our work in the Kingdom of God.

-To reflect on the words of Jesus, particularly those that guide our moral decisions and actions.

-To reflect on Baptism, Eucharist and Reconciliation with a particular study of the prayers, gestures and symbols in preparation for receiving the sacraments.

-To base this work in the Roman tradition but to include an awareness of the material adaptations to include the Anglican, Lutheran & Orthodox traditions.

-To discuss the challenges of engaging 6-9 year old children in the work of Level II.

Course Expectations

-Attendance at all sessions.

-10 hours minimum of observation in a Level 2 atrium and / or an elementary (6-9 year old) Montessori classroom.

-Attending a minimum of 5 hours of a Level II Sacramental Preparation Retreat.

-Completion of 10 album pages (personal or group).

Mandatory Course Reading

The Religious Potential of the Child 6-12 Years Old (Cavalletti, Sofia)

The History of the Kingdom of God, Parts I & II

or

Living Liturgy and History's Golden Thread

Prerequisites

-Completion of the Level I course

-Re-reading RPC I

Financial Aid:

Never let financial hardship be a reason to forgo a formation opportunity. Scholarships are available to CGSAC members. Application must be made prior to April 15, 2017.

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