

LEVEL 2 FORMATION COURSE A *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* Certificate Course

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is based on the method begun by Dr. Maria Montessori and further developed by Scripture and Hebrew scholar Dr. Sofia Cavalletti and Montessori teacher Gianna Gobbi. [Catechesis of the Good Shepherd gives adults the opportunity to embrace a method of catechesis \(religious education\) that will deepen one's relationship with God.](#)

Led by an experienced catechist and planter of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in multiple settings, this course provides formation for catechists working with children 6 to 9 years of age. All who are interested in the spiritual development of the second plane child are welcome. The course will address:

- * Montessori's insight into the second plane child.
- *The developmental and religious nature and needs of the 6–9 year old child.
- *Those aspects of God and the Kingdom of God that most greatly strike the child's sense of enjoyment of God adding in time and history as well as moving forward to help lead the child in a pathway of moral development.
- *All presentations that are essential to working in an Atrium with 6–9 year old children.
- *Material making will be available relevant to Level II.
- *Participants collaborate in writing album pages and at the conclusion of the course will have a completed working album.

The course will also include prayer, scriptural and liturgical background to the themes and materials of the program, and their use with the children throughout the cycle of the liturgical year.

Certification from the National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will be awarded after the completion of Level 2, Part II, observation in an Atrium, and approved course work.



"Formation of the adult is the greatest gift to having true formation of the child. Through this Level II course, we will look deeply at who the child in the second plane of development is and how we can best serve them. We will expand on the concepts of Level I; giving to them time and history as well as moving forward to help with the moral development of the child of this plane. We will also be furthering our own understanding of who God is in our lives. This is our work and our call as we write on our "Blank Page" helping to build God's Kingdom serving the 6 to 9 year old children using Catechesis of the Good Shepherd." Alice Coke

FORMATION LEADER



Alice Coke located center back row

Alice began working in Children's Formation at Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville, Tennessee when her son was 3 years old. He is now 24. She became a Level One Catechist in 2007. She was certified as a Level II Catechist in 2009 and as a Level III catechist in 2011. Alice became CGSUSA certified as a Level I Formation Leader in 2015 and as a Level II Formation Leader in 2018. She is currently moving through the discernment process to be a Level III Formation Leader.

Alice has led twenty Formation Courses and started Catechesis of the Good Shepherd programs at three organizations: Trinity Church in Mobile, Alabama in 2008, Calvary Church in Summit, New Jersey in 2011, and Episcopal School of Nashville, Tennessee in 2019.

PAYMENT INFORMATION OPTIONS

One Payment - Level 2 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Formation Course
\$935 or **\$835.00 if paid in full by May 1, 2024** (This is a hundred dollar discount for full payment.)

Two Payments - \$535.00 first payment due by May 31, 2024 \$400 second payment due by May 1, 2025

Make checks payable to the church's mailing address:

Church of the Lamb

attn: Renee Velker

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Please note in the Memo: CGS Level Two Formation Course including the participant name(s).

FORMATION LOCATION

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Hosting Site Coordinator: Renee Velker, renee@churchofthelamb.org, (931)200-4157

DATES and TIMES

Part One: July 8-13, 2024 (8:30a to 4:30p) Lunch break provided.

Part Two: TBD Summer 2025 in a one week format