Formation Leader:

Our Formation Leader is The Rev. Mary Howard King. Mary Howard has been a catechist since 2003 and has served as a catechist in levels I, II, and III of The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. She was recognized as a formation leader in 2010 and leads Level I and Level II adult formation courses across the Mid-South. Currently, she is in discernment to become recognized as a Level III formation leader. Previously, Mary Howard was a co-owner and lead teacher at Pathway Montessori School in Tupelo, MS. Mary Howard serves as Priest-in-Charge at St. John's Episcopal Church in Aberdeen, MS.

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Required Reading for the Level I Course:

The Religious Potential of the Child
By Sofia Cavalletti

Nurturing the Whole Child
By Gianna Gobbi

The Good Shepherd and the Child: A Joyful Journey
By Sofia Cavalletti, Gianna Gobbi, Patricia Coulter, and Silvana Montanaro

Course participants may purchase the course texts from the National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd website:

www.cgsusa.org

"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

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Level I Formation Course
for Catechists working with
children ages 3-6
Course #1-02456



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The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a faith formation experience for children ages 3 - 12 years old. It is based upon the belief that young children can and do experience God. The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd's work is done in an Atrium, an environment created to nurture children's spirituality. This is done by proclaiming the Gospel through the parable method, prayer, singing, silence, and exploring liturgical events. Hands-on materials are used to help children and adults reflect together upon the great mysteries of the Christian faith.

Course Description: Based on the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for children, the Level I course is the foundation for the work of the Atrium for the 3-6 year old child. Upon completion of the Level I Course, participants will receive a certificate from the National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

All sessions will include album page work, practice with material, and material making.

The aims of the course are:

►To explore the methodology and guiding principles of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
►To explore the religious nature and the most vital religious needs of the 3 - 6 year old child
►To meditate on the Biblical and liturgical themes presented to the 3 - 6 year old child
►To further develop the participant's ability to observe and learn from children, to listen with children to the scripture, and to enjoy the presence of God in a very rich way
►To offer guidelines and assistance to participants in preparing an Atrium environment, and in creating the participant's lesson album.

Tuition:
Tuition is $500 per participant. Discounts are available for churches that send more than three participants. A registration form with a $50 deposit (applied toward tuition) per participant is due by August 21, 2024.* Auditors (those who already have Level I certification) are welcome-tuition will be $250. However, tuition is waived for parishioners of St. James Catholic Church. Please make checks payable to St. James Catholic Church noting CGS Formation Course on memo line.

*Mailing address: St James Catholic Church, 845 Lakeshire, Tupelo, MS 38804.

Financial Assistance:
You may apply for financial assistance from The Tina Lillig Memorial Fund. If you would like more information or an application for financial assistance, please visit the website of The National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd at www.cgsusa.org and click on the 'Learn' section.

Course Dates
August 23-25, 2024
September 20-22, 2024
October 25-27, 2024
November 15-17, 2024
January 10-12, 2025

Course Times
Friday, 4:00-8:30 p.m.
Saturday, 9:00-6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 1:00-5:30 p.m.

Registration Form for Level I Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Training

Please submit your application by August 21, 2024 with your $50 registration fee. For additional information, please contact Karen Mayfield at 662-213-6593 or karen@stjamestupelo.com

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____
Parish: _____

Please send:

____ Hotel listings in the area
____ A map with directions to the church