

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD



Level I Part 1 Formation Course

7-12 April 2019

Craig Lodge Family House of Prayer

Dalmally, Scotland PA33 1AR

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is an approach to the religious formation of children grounded in Sacred Scripture, Christian Teaching, Liturgy and Prayer. Themes are presented in such a way as to develop the religious potential present in every child. This method of presenting the faith to children is based on the belief that the child has a deep capacity to love and be loved and be in a deep relationship with God.

CGS was developed by Dr. Sophia Cavalletti and Gianna Giobbi in Rome in 1954 and has spread throughout the world. It is used in homes, parishes and schools. The catechist listens to God with the children, leading age appropriate presentations in a calm and prayerful sacred space called an atrium. Once the children have been given the presentations, they are given time to prayerfully work with the materials in order to further contemplate the truths presented.

About the Method



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Level I: The Foundation

Because the method is sequential and follows the natural development of the child, all catechists are formed first in Level I which is the atrium of the 3-6 year old child. Those who successfully complete Level I formation have the necessary pre-requisites to take part in Level II formation for the 6-9 year old atrium.

Part I will enable participants to have the formation necessary to get their atria off the ground for the first year. Part II will be offered in April 2020.

The Course

The 45 hour course includes lectures, presentations, practicum and material making. We will also have time to pray and to meditate upon the Scriptures throughout the week. The course begins at 5pm on Sunday 7 April and ends at noon on Friday 12 April.

Meals, Accommodation, and Families

Craig Lodge Family House of Prayer will provide accommodation, meals, and times of prayer for all participants. Participants may also bring their families: spouses and children will be provided with talks, activities, and specially-gearred prayer services by the Craig Lodge community!

Formation Team

Sr. Theresa Anne Knuth, OP is a certified CGS USA catechist and formation leader who has used the method since 2009. She has conducted several trainings for Level I Catechesis throughout Europe and leads an atrium in Sittard, Netherlands where she resides.

Sr. Anna Christi Solis, OP is a certified CGS catechist and AMI Montessori elementary guide who has been leading Level I and II atria in the US and Scotland since 2009. She has assisted Sr. Theresa Anne on a number of training courses.

Stipends

Per adult for the week is £200.
Per youth ages 11-18 for the week:£80
Children under 11 may attend for free.

A £40 non-refundable deposit is requested upon registration.
Payable to *Craig Lodge Trust*.

Materials fee: £10 payable to the Dominican Sisters during training week.



About the Formation Course

Registration

Please contact Sr. Anna Christi, OP at ogilvie@rcda.scot to register. Registration deadline 1 March 2019.

To Find Out More:

www.cgsuk.org
www.cgsusa.org
www.craiglodge.org

www.mccrimmons.com/shop/catechesis has three recommended titles for those interested in learning the method:

Sofia Cavaletti *The Religious Potential of the Child*.

Gianna Gobbi: *Listening to God with Children*

The Good Shepherd and the Child: A Joyful Journey.