

Registration Form

Participant cost for this course is **\$400.00** payable to Angela Hague. **To confirm your place**, please complete registration details clicking on the Course Registration Form link or use this form and make payment by **Friday 5 January 2024**.

Course Registration Form

Name:		
Address:		
Suburb:		
Postcode/State:		
Phone:		
Email:		
Religious Affiliation:		
Experience/Qualification in Children's Religious Formation <i>(please indicate any applicable)</i>		
Classroom Teacher	Early Childhood Educator	Montessori trained
Parent	Grandparent	Catechist

Payment Options – please enter details

<input type="checkbox"/> Direct Deposit	Account Name: Angela Therese Hague BSB: 082254 Acct Number: 308680647 Direct Deposit Details
Date	
Reference	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cheque	<i>Please make cheques payable to Angela Hague</i>

Please return hand written forms:

Via email: old.childrens.atrium@gmail.com

Via Post: Angela Hague – Atrium Co-Ordinator
Our Lady of Dolours Children's Atrium
PO Box 1446, Chatswood NSW 2057

Introduction

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Christian formation process for children between the ages of 3 and 12 years. The central aim of this faith formation program is to enable the child to experience and form an authentic relationship with God.

The Catechesis is grounded in scripture and the liturgy of the church, then framed by Montessori principles of education. This allows children to hear the Gospels through the use of sensorially rich materials. The children are free to work with these materials that represent essential proclamations of the Christian message.

The adult's task is to prepare the sacred space for the children called the Atrium, so that they can respond to this relationship, first proclaimed to them through Jesus the Good Shepherd.



The Atrium is a place of community and worship rather than a place of academic study. It is a place to be with and enjoy God, listen to the Word and to pray. It is designed to reflect the beauty of creation and God's abiding love.

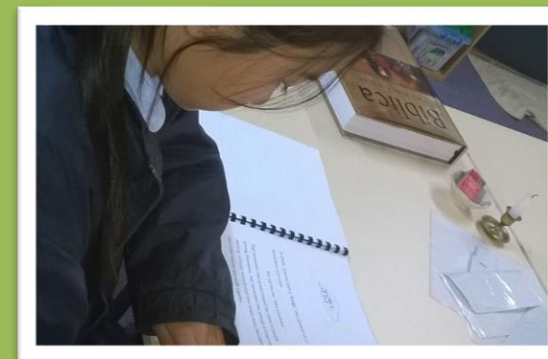
The vision for this faith formation began in 1954 with Dr. Sofia Cavalletti, a Hebrew and scripture scholar and member of the Vatican Commission for Jewish Christian relations and her colleague, Professor Gianna Gobbi, a Montessori Educator.

These two women began the work of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd with young children in Rome, Italy. They found that in working with children in this way, whatever their culture, they have vital religious needs and they respond in similar ways to the most essential elements of the Christian message.

Children desire to be near to God but need the sensitive guidance of the adult as well as the inner guidance of the Holy Spirit to nurture this relationship.

Today, the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd can be found in several Christian traditions throughout the world.

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd



A Formation Experience for
adults working with
9-12 year old children

Level Three: Part One
9 Days Intensive
Sydney January 2024
Course ID: 3-53

Friday 12 – Saturday 20 January
Times listed inside brochure

Formation Leaders:
Marie Fernandez and Angela Hague

Course Description and Aims

The level three formation course builds on the level one and two course of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program. As such, participants are eligible to attend this course after having completed the level two formation. The course aims are;

- To explore with participants the general developmental characteristics, religious nature and religious needs of the 9 to 12 year old child.
- To meditate on the Biblical and Liturgical themes presented to the 9-12 year old child in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.
- To continue to present the methodology and guiding principles of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd with a focus on sacred history, sacraments, moral formation and the typology studies.
- To offer guidelines and assistance to catechists in; preparing the atrium environment for the 9-12 year old child, preparing presentation album pages and making materials.
- To experience being formed as catechists by the Word of God and deepening our ability to observe and learn from the children, the joy of the Gospel!

Course Details

This course is Part One of the full Level Three Course and consists of 60 hours of formation which will be offered over 9 days.

Part Two will be offered at a later date and consists of a further 60 hours of formation.

Course Dates and Times –January 2024

Friday 12 to Monday 15	9am until 5pm
Tuesday 16 (half day)	9am until 1pm
Wednesday 17 to Friday 19	9am until 5pm
Saturday 20	9am until 3pm

Course Venue

Our Lady of Dolour's Children's Atrium

Corner of Kirk and Archer Sts, Chatswood NSW 2067

About the Formation Leaders

Marie Fernandez is one of the Co-Ordinators of the first atrium in Perth and has been working in CGS since 2001 where each of her own children participated. She is part of the Core Formation Team in Australia and has run courses at all levels. Marie has a particular interest in working with the older children in CGS and currently works in the Level 1 and 3 atriums locally.

Angela Hague - is the Co-Ordinator of Our Lady of Dolour's Atrium, Chatswood. She serves on the board of the National Association as the secretary, is a member of the core formation team and began the first Catholic Atrium in Sydney in May 2005. Angela has been involved in all Formation Courses held in Sydney since 2007, and currently works in the Chatswood atrium at all 3 levels each week.

Expectations of Participants

- To have completed Level One and Two formation.
- To attend all sessions for maximum benefit.
- To contribute album pages for the group album

To have read or be reading;

- *Religious Potential of the Child for 6-12 year old children – Sofia Cavalletti*
- *Life in the Vine – the Joyful Journey continues by Rebekah Rojcewicz*
- *The History of the Kingdom of God Part1 and Part 2, by Sofia Cavalletti*

The above publications are available from the National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Some borrow copies will be available during the course.

Participants who attend all sessions will receive a certificate from the National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

For further information contact:

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Sofia Cavalletti

Co-founder Catechesis of the Good Shepherd