

## Registration Form

Participant cost for this course is **\$400** payable via direct deposit, details below. **To confirm your place**, please send completed registration details, including payment by **20 December 2023** (later payments may be accepted by arrangement).

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	<b>Account Name: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd WA (Inc)</b> <b>BSB: 086006</b> <b>Acct Number: 195629916</b>	
	<b>Direct Deposit Details</b>	
Date		
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## 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 sensorial 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.

Dr. Cavalletti began her work of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd with young children in Rome, Italy. She 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 has grown and spread amazingly. At last count, CGS is present in 39 different countries around the world.

# The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

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A Formation Experience for adults working with 3 to 6 year old children

Level One: Part One  
(6 Days)

Scarborough (WA) - 2024

22 – 27 January 2024

(Second three days repeated in March if required)

9am – 5pm

### Please return forms:

Via email: [goodshepherdwa@cgsa.org.au](mailto:goodshepherdwa@cgsa.org.au)