

Registration Form

Participant cost for this course is **\$400.00** payable to Angela Hague. **To confirm your place**, complete registration details via the following link or use this form and make payment by **Wednesday 8 April 2026**.

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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

☐ Direct Deposit	Account Name: Angela Therese Hague BSB: 082254 Acct Number: 421719400 Direct Deposit Details
Date	
Reference	

Please return forms:

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

Via Post: Angela Hague – Atrium Co-Ordinator
Our Lady of Dolours Children's Atrium
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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 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
6 to 9 year old children

Level Two: Part One
6 Days - Sydney – 2026
National Course ID: 2-115

Monday 13 – Saturday 18 April

From 9am until 5pm each day

Course Description and Aims

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

- To explore with participants the general developmental characteristics, religious nature and religious needs of the 6 to 9 year old child.
- To meditate on the Biblical and Liturgical themes presented to the 6-9 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 moral formation.
- To offer guidelines and assistance to catechists in preparing the atrium environment for the 6 to 9 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 Two Course and consists of 45 hours of formation which will be offered over six days.

Part Two will be offered at a later date and consists of a further 45 hours of formation.

Course Dates

Monday 13 April	9am until 5pm
Tuesday 14 April	9am until 5pm
Wednesday 15 April	9am until 5pm
Thursday 16 April	9am until 5pm
Friday 17 April	9am until 5pm
Saturday 18 April	9am until 5pm

Course Venue

Our Lady of Dolour's Children's Atrium

Corner of Kirk and Archer Sts, Chatswood NSW 2067

About the Formation Leader – Angela Hague

Angela is the Co-ordinator of Our Lady of Dolour's Parish Atrium in Chatswood. She is a member of the National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and serves on the board as the secretary. Angela has been involved in this work since November 2001. Angela began the first Catholic Atrium in Sydney in May 2005.

Angela has been involved in all Formation Courses held in Sydney since 2007 and is a member of the core formation team in Australia. At present Angela runs 3 sessions per week for 3-6, 6-9 and 9-12 year old children.

Expectations of Participants

- To have completed Level One formation- for 3-6 year old children.

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
- To attend all sessions for maximum benefit.

These publications are available from the National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and a few copies will be available to borrow 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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to the vital nucleus of things.**



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Sofia Cavalletti

Co-founder Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

