

Registration Details

Please note: people who would like to attend this course, need to have completed at least Part One of the Level One formation.

Participant cost for this course is **\$400.00** payable to Mary Hare. **To confirm your place**, please complete registration details via the following link or use this form and make payment by **Friday 11 September 2026**

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Name:	Payment Details <i>please make payment to the following account</i>		
Address:	BSB: 064174		
Suburb:	Acc No: 00611969		
Postcode/State:	Acc name: Mary Hare		
Phone:	<i>Please enter your Surname and the Course ID (T-5) in the reference field.</i>		
Email:	Reference:		
Religious Affiliation:			
Levels of Formation in CGS (please tick all relevant)			
Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	<i>Please email completed forms via email to: angela@gcgsaust.org.au</i>
Atrium you serve at:			

Suggested Background Reading

- Understanding the Human Being, *Silvana Montanaro*
- The Joyful Child, *Susan Mayclin Stevenson*

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

Further Details Contact

For course details contact Angela Hague at: angela@gcgsaust.org.au

For Accommodation options contact Siubhan Sadler at: siubhansadler@gmail.com

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Australia)

Invites you to a Formation Course for the Atrium of
0-3 year old child (Infants and Toddlers)

**Level: 0-3 Part One
(6 Days) Brisbane– 2026**

Friday 25 to Wednesday 30 September

Friday- Day 1: 4:30pm until 8:30pm

All subsequent days: 8:30am until 5pm

National Course ID: T-5

Course Venue: Jubilee Atrium

333 Given Terrace, Paddington Qld 4064



“How lovely is thy dwelling place,
O LORD of Hosts!

My soul longs, yea, faints
for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and flesh sing for joy
to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at thy altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.

Blessed are those who dwell in thy
house, ever singing thy praise!”

Psalms 84:1-4

The Child's First Environment is God

The Womb



When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting the babe leaped in her womb. Luke 1:41

The womb is the sacred prepared environment of the mother's body. The environment of creation, wherein the child finds everything he needs. It is here the child first encounters darkness and light, sound and music, taste and aroma and the sensation of being surrounded by the elements of love.



For thou didst for my inward parts, thou didst knit me together in my mother's womb. Psalm 139:13

The Home



I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named...that you, being rooted and grounded in love...may be filled with all the fullness of God. Ephesians 3:14,17,19b

The home is the environment of the family in which the child's moral development is formed by the love and care it receives from his parents, family and community. It is the place to explore the joys of creation in daily living.



The child has a different relationship to the environment, he absorbs it. The things he sees are not just remembered; they form part of his soul. The Absorbent Mind, Maria Montessori

Mum and Me and Toddler

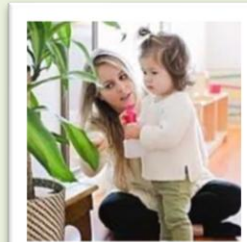
Atrium

'Mum and Me' – 6 weeks to 18 months is time in a prepared environment for the child to explore and the parent to grow in observation skills and interactions with her child aided by a trained catechist or directress.

'Toddler Atrium' – 18 months to 3 years is a prepared environment in which the youngest child's spiritual life is fed by prayer, work and celebration, aided by a catechist and observed by the parent.



Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart. Luke 2:19



To enter into the secret of childhood required of us as adults, both a willing spirit and a particular discipline. Nurturing the Whole Child, Gianna Gobbi

We already we know that the atrium is the place where the mystery of God meets the mystery of the child ~ could we not say that it is the place they meet again?

For we must ask if there was ever a time when the Creator was not in love with His creature and the creature was not touched by His love, sustained and formed by it, called into being by love himself?

Who is this child that floods her mother's womb with warmth at Christ's very name?

Who is this who jumps and wriggles as he recognises his favourite chant?

Infant Toddler Catechesis is an exploration of the very youngest child's spirituality springing from the discovery of the child's nature and religious potential revealed by the children themselves to Maria Montessori, Sofia Cavalletti, Gianna Gobbi, Silvana Montanaro and those who continue to listen and observe the child in God's light.

The Formation Leaders



Mary Hare is a pioneer of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in Australia. She has been a formation leader working internationally at levels 1, 2 and 3 for 30 years. Mary represents CGS Australia on the International Council of CGS (Consiglio).

Mary attended the first international course for Infant/Toddler Atrium in 2016-2017 given in Caldey Island and Cardiff, Wales. Mary has since developed her 0-3 Atrium in Paddington, Brisbane in consultation with other 0-3 catechists both in Australia and overseas.



Bernadette is the director of the Ipswich Catholic Community Atrium. She conducts sessions for all four levels and is in training as a Formation Leader. Bernadette assists Anne Delsorte with Level 1 Formation and works with Mary Hare in offering formation for the Infant/Toddler level in the Brisbane area.