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Stephanie Diethelm has been a catechist since 1998. Stephanie has organized and assisted in several CGS training programs. She has completed trainer certification for Level I and Level II of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. She is director of children's formation at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Birmingham, Alabama.



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CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Level II

Formation Course for Adults

A spiritual formation experience
for catechists working with the
6 – 9 year old child



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Registration Form for Level I Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Training

Please submit your application by May 25, 2009 with your \$50 registration fee. For additional information, please contact Tommie Moore at 662-842-4386 or Tommie@allsaintstupelo.com

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Parish: _____

Please send: _____

_____ Information about housing in a parishioner's home Dates childcare is needed: _____

_____ Motel listings in the area

_____ A map with directions to the church

_____ Childcare

_____ Names and ages of children _____

- To meditate on the Biblical and liturgical themes presented to the 6-9 year old as provided by Sofia Cavalletti and Gianna Gobbi.
- To further the catechist's ability to observe and learn from the elementary age child and nurture with sensitivity the child's spiritual nature.
- To offer guidelines and assistance in preparing the atrium, making the catechist's album and materials for the Level II atrium.
- The course includes all presentations given to the child over a three year cycle as well as information on preparation for Solemn Communion and Reconciliation with children, theological and pedagogical lectures, and small group discussion for writing of the level II album.

Tuition is \$600 per participant and not more than \$1,200 per congregation. A separate registration form is due with a non-refundable \$50 deposit by May 25, 2009. There will be no tuition charged for communicants of All Saints' Episcopal Church, Tupelo.

Financial Assistance: You may apply for financial assistance from the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd fund. If you would like more information about the fund or would like an application for financial assistance, please visit the website of The National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd at www.cgsusa.org and click on the membership forms section

Course Dates

Friday, June 26, 2009: 1 p.m.-9 p.m.
 Saturday, June 27, 2009: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
 Sunday, June 28, 2009: 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

Friday, October 23, 2009: 1 p.m.-9 p.m.
 Saturday, October 24, 2009: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
 Sunday, October 25, 2009: 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

Friday, February 26, 2010: 1 p.m.-9 p.m.
 Saturday, February 27, 2010: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
 Sunday, February 28, 2010: 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

Friday, April 9, 2010: 1 p.m.-9 p.m.
 Saturday, April 10, 2010: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
 Sunday, April 11, 2010: 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

Friday, June 25, 2010: 1 p.m.-9 p.m.
 Saturday, June 26, 2010: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
 Sunday, June 27, 2010: 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a faith formation experience for children ages 3 to 12 years old. It is based upon the belief that young children can and do experience God. The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd's work is done in an Atrium, an environment created to nurture children's spirituality. This is done by proclaiming the Gospel through the parable method, prayer, singing, silence, and exploring liturgical events. Hands-on materials are used to help children and adults reflect together upon the great mysteries of the Christian faith.

Those who work in the Catechesis believe:

- That God and the child have a unique relationship with one another, particularly before the age of 3.
- That the growth of this relationship should be assisted by the adult but is directed by the Spirit of God within each child.
- That a child needs his or her own place to foster the growth of that relationship.
- That the child's spiritual growth is best served through tangible but indirect means.

A room, or Atrium, for children's formation can be compared to a retreat house facilitating recollection and silence. Here the adult and child alike come to be with God, to listen to the Word of God in Scripture, and to pray. The Atrium is a place where community and worship can occur.

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd was developed in 1954 under the guidance of Dr. Sofia Cavalletti, Hebrew and Scripture Scholar. Today, the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd exists in Episcopal, Roman Catholic, Methodist, Lutheran, Presbyterian, and Baptist churches worldwide.

Course Description: The Level II course builds upon the foundation of the Level I work with 3-6 year old children and prepares catechists to work with 6-9 year old children.

Course Structure: The Level II course will be offered over five weekends. All sessions will include album page work, practice with material, and material making.

The aims of the course are:

- To explore the general developmental characteristics and the most vital religious needs of the 6-9 year old child.