

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Level II Formation

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Hosted by Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish
Brentwood, California

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish is pleased to host **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level II Formation** for catechists seeking to continue their formation in this beautiful work with children.

Level II formation builds on the foundation of Level I and invites the adult to go more deeply into the religious life of the older child, especially the child aged **6 to 9**. Through prayer, study, reflection, and work with materials, participants grow in their understanding of Scripture, liturgy, and the child’s relationship with God.

Training Overview

This Level II formation is intended for those who have already completed **CGS Level I Formation** and are ready to continue their formation in service to children.

Host Site:
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish
Brentwood, California

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Formation Leader:
Jennifer Bell

Jennifer Bell is an accomplished international leader within the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. She brings extensive experience in formation, guiding catechists deeply into the spiritual life of the child and the richness of Scripture and Liturgy.

Course Description

Level II formation focuses on the spiritual life and developmental needs of the **6–9-year-old child**. Participants will explore key biblical and liturgical themes central to Level II atrium life, deepen their understanding of the child’s relationship with God, and receive guidance in preparing albums and materials for this level.

Topics of study typically include:

- the moral parables
- the Maxims
- the gifts of the Kingdom
- the history of the Kingdom of God
- sacramental preparation themes connected to Level II
- the continuing work of the catechist in observation, prayer, and atrium preparation

Who This Course Is For

This course is for:

- catechists who have completed **CGS Level I Formation**
- those serving or preparing to serve in a **Level II Atrium**
- parish and school leaders supporting CGS ministry
- adults discerning deeper formation in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Formation Schedule

Level II – Year 1

June Session

Friday, June 5, 2026 | 3:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Saturday, June 6, 2026 | 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Sunday, June 7, 2026 | 10:30 AM – 5:30 PM

June Session (Part 2)

Friday, June 26, 2026 | 3:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Saturday, June 27, 2026 | 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Sunday, June 28, 2026 | 10:30 AM – 5:30 PM

August Session

Friday, August 7, 2026 | 3:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Saturday, August 8, 2026 | 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Sunday, August 9, 2026 | 10:30 AM – 5:30 PM

Level II – Year 2

August Session

Friday, August 28, 2026 | 3:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Saturday, August 29, 2026 | 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Sunday, August 30, 2026 | 10:30 AM – 5:30 PM

September Session

Saturday, September 5, 2026 | 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Sunday, September 6, 2026 | 10:30 AM – 5:30 PM

Monday, September 7, 2026 | 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Registration Deadline

MUST be completed by June 3, 2026

Tuition & Payment Information

Total Cost: \$650 (\$50 registration + \$600 tuition)

May be paid in full, in two or five installments.

Payment Schedules:

- Full payment - \$650 due at time of registration
- Two installment payment plan:
 - \$50 non-refundable registration fee due at time of registration
 - \$300 (Part 1) due at time of registration
 - \$300 (Part 2) due by August 26, 2026
- Five installment payment plan:
 - \$50 non-refundable registration fee due at time of registration
 - \$120 (Part 1) due at time of registration
 - \$120 (Part 2) due by June 24, 2026
 - \$120 (Part 3) due by August 5, 2026
 - \$120 (Part 4) due by August 26, 2026
 - \$120 (Part 5) due by September 2, 2026

Scholarships

Scholarship assistance may be available through the **Tina Lillig Memorial Fund** offered by the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd USA (CGSUSA).

To be eligible, participants must be a **current member of CGSUSA** and submit a scholarship application directly through their website.

- **Maximum Award:** Up to one-third of the total course tuition
- **Application Deadlines:**
 - April 30 (for June 30 disbursement)
 - October 30 (for December 30 disbursement)

Participants are encouraged to apply early, as funds are limited.

Registration

To register, please complete the registration form by the deadline above.

<https://giving.myparishsoft.io/App/Form/2bebcd8b-b449-4d20-9550-8528cba83cb8>

Your registration will be considered complete once the registration form and required deposit have been received.

Contact Information

For questions regarding the formation, registration, or payment arrangements, please contact:

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Additional Information

Books & Materials

Participants in Level II Formation will be asked to purchase several core texts that support the themes of the course. These works, primarily written by Sofia Cavalletti, are foundational to the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and will be used throughout the formation.

Core Texts (Typical Pricing):

- *The Religious Potential of the Child: 6–12 Years Old*
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Approx. \$15–\$45
- *The History of the Kingdom of God, Part I: From Creation to Parousia*
History of the Kingdom of God Part I
Approx. \$18–\$33
- *The History of the Kingdom of God, Part II: Liturgy and the Building of the Kingdom*
History of the Kingdom of God Part II
Approx. \$14–\$30

Additional Recommended Reading:

- *Life in the Vine: The Joyful Journey Continues*
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Approx. \$12–\$38

Estimated Total Book Cost:

Participants can expect to spend approximately \$60–\$120 total depending on new vs. used purchases and format (print vs. digital).

Additional Materials

Participants should also bring:

- A Catholic Bible
- A binder or notebook for album work and note-taking (A binder with tabs/dividers and paper for note-taking WILL be provided; however, you are welcome to bring your own if you prefer.)

Important Note

A detailed book list, including specific editions and timing for purchase, will be provided by the formation leader prior to the start of the course. Books are typically introduced gradually throughout the formation.