

# FORMATION LEADERS TRAINING COURSE

For Leading  
CGS Level I Courses

**JULY 18-24, 2010**  
Scarritt-Bennett Center  
Nashville, TN



We have this treasure  
in clay jars,  
so that it may be  
made clear that  
this extraordinary power  
belongs to God and  
does not come from us.

II Corinthians 4:7

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**The National Association of  
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd  
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CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD  
FORMATION LEADERS TRAINING COURSE, JULY 18-24, 2010  
APPLICATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ 2010 CGS Member? \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (street, city, state, zip): \_\_\_\_\_

Best telephone number to reach you: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

(Check one) **Recognized Formation Leader:** \_\_\_\_\_ **OR** **Catechist in Discernment Process for Recognition:** \_\_\_\_\_

On a separate paper, briefly describe your experience in leading, co-leading, or assisting with formation courses. Also, list presentations that you would like clarification on or issues of concern about Level I formation that you would like to discuss.

Indicate any Special Requests such as Vegetarian Meals or Ground Floor Room: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment must accompany Application and be received no later than May 1, 2010 (please indicate your payment below):

- Commuter Fees: Deposit of \$150.00 \_\_\_\_\_ (Balance due by June 1: \$250.00) **OR** Paid in full \$400.00 \_\_\_\_\_
  - Resident Fees: Deposit of \$150.00 (Balance due by June 1: \$850.00 or \$950.00 depending on the room reserved) \_\_\_\_\_
  - Resident Fees: Full Tuition, Housing & Meals (Deluxe Room): \$1100.00 \_\_\_\_\_ **OR** Resident Full Tuition, Housing & Meals (Standard Room): \$1000.00 \_\_\_\_\_
- Make Checks Payable to CGS Formation. Mail Application & Check to: Karen Maxwell, CGS, 4771 Old Timber Ridge Rd., Marietta, GA 30068



**YOU** are invited to participate in an enriching experience designed for formation leaders who prepare catechists working with children in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd; whether you are already recognized as a formation leader by the National Association of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, or you are in the Discernment Process for such recognition.

Under the guidance of a team of experienced formation leaders, this week-long course will:

- deepen your knowledge of Level I theological themes that comprise adult reflections,
- offer opportunities for practical atrium experiences pertaining to courses,
- guide you in understanding ways to handle pastoral concerns that arise in courses, and
- give you a chance to discuss the nuts and bolts in planning quality CGS Level I formation in the spirit and tradition given to us by Sofia Cavalletti and Gianna Gobbi.

The course will be held on the lovely campus of Scarritt-Bennett Retreat & Conference Center in Nashville, TN and begins with dinner and the Orientation Meeting Sunday evening, July 18. Monday through Friday sessions will be from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm. The course concludes with the association's Annual Meeting Friday night. Departures can be planned following breakfast Saturday, July 24.

**Daily Roman Catholic Masses** are offered a short walk from Scarritt-Bennett at the Cathedral of the Incarnation at 7:00 am and 12:10 pm. **Daily Episcopal Eucharist** will be available a short drive to Christ Church Cathedral at 12:15 pm.

*Whatever you do,  
in word or deed,  
do everything in the  
name of the Lord  
Jesus, giving thanks  
to God the Father  
through him.*

*Colossians 2:17*

## Course Format

You will be part of a small group that rotates through four daily classes. Each of these classes is designed to be informative, practical, and interactive to help you prepare the atrium, course content and yourself as a formation leader. Some of the areas you will explore include:

### **Essential practices of excellent CGS formation.**

You will work with your small group in building an atrium on site and discuss what makes an acceptable model atrium in formation. Prior to the course, you will have the opportunity to prepare an Adult Reflection on a selected Level I theme to present to your small group. We will discuss how you can communicate CGS themes in a manner that engages the adult learner. You will also join the conversation on how to facilitate album page discussion, writing, and reviewing.

### **Valuable skills for responding to various course needs.**

You will have the opportunity to explore healthy approaches to handling "challenging conversations." Pre-course reading will be required to help you prepare for this session.

### **"Real life" atrium experience as a formation model.**

A daily two-hour atrium session will be incorporated into this experience. You will take on the roles of catechist, assistant, observer, and children during the week. You will give and receive presentations, write observations, and share feedback. You will also receive clarification on the best practices for several selected presentations.

### **Protocol for CGS formation courses.**

Formation courses have been organized in a variety of ways over the years but as our association has grown in numbers of courses and in formation leaders who lead them, we need to consider how the formation leader is accountable to the national association, to the catechists they are training and to other formation leaders in our CGS community. We will discuss practical matters such as finances, agreements, course promotion and certificate requirements. You are invited to share any concerns you would like to see addressed during these discussions when you send in your application.

## Application Details & Fees

**This course will be limited to 50 participants.** Formation leaders leading Level I formation, those recently recognized, or those in the process of being recognized are highly encouraged to attend. Realizing that this course will be valuable for all our formation leaders, we anticipate offering it again in two years. A similar course is being planned for Level II and III formation leaders.

### **Tuition, Housing & Meals**

#### **Participants as Residents:**

- Tuition: \$300.00 plus
- Housing & Meals: \$800.00 for a Deluxe Room\* OR \$700.00 for a Standard Room

**Total Resident Fees: \$1000.00 or \$1100.00**

Housing and meals includes six nights lodging beginning with dinner July 18 and concluding with breakfast July 24.

\*A Deluxe Room has high speed internet access and a TV. Free wireless internet access is also available for those not in a deluxe room in the Laskey Building and at The Front Porch. All rooms are private and share a bathroom with an adjoining room.

#### **Participants as Commuters:**

- Tuition and 5 Lunch Meals: \$400.00  
There will be very limited space for commuters.

### **Application and Payment**

**Your application and deposit of \$150.00 or payment of total fees paid must be received no later than May 1.**

If not paid in full, balance of fees is due by June 1. In the event of cancellation, housing and meal fees are non-refundable if cancellation occurs after June 15, unless we have a waiting list. The \$150.00 deposit is non-refundable. Confirmation of your acceptance and course preparation information will be sent by May 15.

### **Please make checks payable to CGS Formation**

Mail with application to Karen Maxwell,  
4771 Old Timber Ridge Road, Marietta, GA 30068.

**Special note:** Scarritt-Bennett is a smoke-free & alcohol-free retreat and conference center. Check in at Scarritt-Bennett is after 3 pm in the Laskey Building. Check out must be by 10:30 am. Website: [www.scarrittbennett.org](http://www.scarrittbennett.org)