

An Invitation

Catechists who have completed Levels I and II formation courses in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and have a minimum of three years experience working with children at those levels, are invited to participate in this National Level III Formation Course. This formation is offered in two parts over two summers:

Part 1: July 20-August 1, 2008

Part 2: July 19-July 31, 2009

The course will take place at the lovely Cenacle Retreat and Conference Center in the Lincoln Park area of Chicago, Illinois.

Conducted within a prayerful environment, this formation will include all presentations given to the 9-12 year old child over a three year cycle, provide the theological and pedagogical background for the presentations, and offer guidelines and assistance in making the catechist's album. Participants will also have the opportunity to receive guidance for and time to make some of the Level III materials.

Part 1 of this formation course will begin on Sunday evening July 20 with dinner at 6 pm. The course will conclude by noon Friday, August 1. Plan your arrivals before 5 pm on Sunday the 20th and departures after 2 pm on Friday the 1st.

Certification for successful completion of this Level III Formation will be issued at the end of the course in July 2009. Tuition will include the certificate fee paid to the National Association of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

To become a member of the U.S. National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, please contact the Association office by calling 708-524-1210 or going to the CGS website: www.cgsusa.org. Dues range from \$25 for limited incomes to \$40 a year and up.

Formation Course Objectives

This Level III formation will continue to build upon the foundation of the Level I work with 3-6 year old children and Level II work with the 6-9 year old children.

Formation Course Objectives for Level III are:

- To present the methodology and guiding principles of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for the 9-12 year old child.
- To explore the religious nature and the most vital religious needs of the 9-12 year old child.
- To delve into the mystery of God's covenant relationship with us through Sacred History.
- To meditate on Biblical typology linking Old and New Testament scripture to Sacred History and Liturgy
- To present the latest revisions to the typology presentations and other materials as given at the 2007 International Council Meeting in Rome.
- To reflect on Baptism, Eucharist, Reconciliation, Confirmation and Anointing of the Sick
- To study the prayers of the Eucharistic liturgy.
- To discuss the basis of this work in the Roman Catholic tradition but include an awareness of materials adaptations in the Episcopal tradition.
- To help the catechist engage the 9-12 year old in the work of the Level III atrium.

Tuition

Tuition for Part I of this formation is: **\$475.00** for members of the U.S. National Association of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd For non members of the U.S. National Association tuition is **\$550.00**.

Lodging and Meals

Resident Fees: 12 nights: **\$1,200.00**
Commuter Fee: **\$500.00** (facilities and meals)

A non-refundable deposit of \$150.00 must accompany your registration form. **Please make checks payable to CGS Formation.**

To Register

Contact: Karen Maxwell
Address: 4771 Old Timber Ridge Rd.
Marietta, GA 30068
Phone: 404-580-2960
Email: karenmaxwell@cgsusa.org
Fax: 770-993-0652

Registrations will be honored in the order received with \$150.00 non-refundable deposit. **Balance of fees will be due by June 1, 2008.**

Limited scholarships for tuition only are available by applying to the CGS Fund. Please see the CGS website for more information: www.cgsusa.org.



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Level III Formation Course

*A spiritual formation
experience for catechists
working with children, ages 9-12*

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The Cenacle Retreat
and Conference Center
Chicago, Illinois

*Sponsored by
the U.S. Association of the
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd*

*Hosted by
the Chicago area catechists*

Formation Leaders

Linda Kaiel

- Catechist since 1985 at the Franciscan Montessori Earth School in Portland, Oregon, working with children at all three levels
- Certified Montessori Primary Guide
- Formation Leader since 1991, training both nationally and internationally (since 1995)
- Board Chairman for the National Association of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- Also serves on the Formation Committee

Donna Turner

- Catechist since 1994, having worked with children at all three levels
- Catechist in a Level III atrium for eight years at St. Philip Episcopal Church in Memphis, Tennessee
- Formation Leader since 2001
- Serves the National Association of CGS on the Formation Committee, Episcopal Materials Adaptations Committee, and Level III Materials Manual Team

Anna Hurdle

- Catechist since 1993, having worked with children at all three levels.
- Certified Montessori Elementary Guide
- Catechist in a Level III atrium for 10 years at St. Peter Episcopal Church in Charlotte, North Carolina
- Formation Leader since 1997
- Serves the National Association of CGS on the Episcopal Materials Adaptations Committee



Registration Form for National Level III Formation Course, Part I – 2008



Your Name: _____ **Email:** _____

Telephone: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Church/Denomination: _____

Level II Formation Course: year, location, leader (s) _____

Tuition: Check One _____ **\$475.00 for Part I only as 2008 Member** of the National Association of CGS or

_____ **\$550.00 for Part I only Non Member** of National Association of CGS

Lodging & Meals: _____ **Resident at the Cenacle Retreat Center \$1,200** (for 12 nights, July 20 to August 1, 2008)

_____ **Commuter Fee: \$500.00** (includes facilities & all meals)

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