

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Level II, Part Two, Course #2-624
July 21-28, 2022
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church and School
Wichita, Kansas

“The religious needs and capacities of older children are no less great or essential from those of younger children. Their religious potential is no less strong; rather, it is expressed through the new capacities of their own stage of development.”
Sofia Cavalletti

Dear Level II Participant,

Before we know it, we’ll be together again, looking at how the core themes of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd further unfold for the Child of the Second Plane of Development. As you prepare for our days together, remember to bring:

- Your Bible
- Course notes and hand-outs from Part One
- Core textbooks:
 - Cavalletti, Sofia, *The Religious Potential of the Child, 6-12* (RPCII)
 - _____, *The History of the Kingdom of God: Liturgy and the Building of the Kingdom* (HKG2)
 - Rojcewicz, Rebekah, *Life in the Vine: The Joyful Journey Continues* (LV)
- Highly recommended (core text for Level III formation):
 - Cavalletti, Sofia, *The History of the Kingdom of God: from Creation to Parousia* (HKG1). (Available at cgsusa.org)
- Notebook and pens
- Writing instruments and papers for Psalms and Prayers and other materials
- Camera
- Power/extension cord for laptop

All background reading will be listed in the syllabus. To prepare for our first theme, *The History of the Kingdom of God: The History of the Gifts of God*, you may begin reading:

- RPCII - Chapter 4
- HKG2 - Chapters 1, 8, 9, 18

Photography of materials is encouraged. Audiotaping for personal use, if helpful, will be allowed, provided it doesn’t disturb the presentation. Videotaping of presentations will not be permissible.

Course Hours

- Weekdays and Saturday – 9:00 am – 5:00 pm with a 2-hr lunch/materials break
- Sabbath rest on Sunday, July 24, 2022
- Part Two will end at 3:00 pm on Thursday, July 28, 2022.

To make some of the card material during your time in Part Two, consider printing at home onto white card stock the various card sets and chart materials that are in the on-

line Level II Materials Manual. Access to the LII Materials is available to current members of CGSUSA who are registered in this formation. Bring your favorite pens, felt-tips, and colored pencils! All instructions are in the Materials Manual, but we can help with any questions you may have.

Possible materials from Part One, 2021:

- Recommended Psalms for the first year
- Mass Card Material
- Baptism Card Material
- Level II Liturgical Calendar Control Charts (Two sheets of white poster board (18 x 24 inches/standard size)
- Tracing card packets for Infancy Narratives and Parables of the Kingdom
- Mystery of Life and Death chart
- Resurrection material tracing packet (about tombs in time of Jesus)
- Booklets you might want to make:
 - Gesture booklets (will need orange, yellow, gray booklet cover paper)
 - Eucharistic Presence of the Good Shepherd for All People and All Time
- Others materials:
 - Bible Proclamation Strip (on yellow card stock)
 - The Level II Maxims
 - perhaps onto parchment to be glued onto the wooden tablets at home
 - Summary of the Law
 - Perhaps onto parchment to be glued onto the wooden tablets at home
 - Psalm 24-1-4
 - Chart of the Synthesis of the Kingdom Parables (on Yellow poster board)

Possible Materials from Part Two:

- Recommended Prayer Cards (Psalms) for years 2 and 3
- Prophecy cards (4) Nm 24:17; Is 11:1-3a; Is 11:6-9; Is 40:3-5
- Psalm 23:1-6
- Gesture booklet for Sign of Peace and Breaking of the Bread
- Order of Baptism strip and accompanying prayer cards (white card stock)

The national office of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd recognizes this Level II formation as valid preparation for you to begin serving the religious needs of the 6-9 year old child. Therefore, the National Certificate will be issued upon your completion and successful participation in this component of Level II formation. The Certificate honors your full attendance and participation in the entire formation (Parts One *and* Two), i.e., lectures, presentations, observations, and album page contributions. Successful participation consists of:

- attending all* sessions of this formation
- reading all recommended texts associated with themes covered in this formation
- observing** in a Lower Elementary Montessori classroom (for 6-9 year olds)
- observing in a Level II CGS atrium (for 6-9 year olds)
- writing album pages in collaboration with other participants in this formation.

* Because this is an “Intensive” format, a single day’s absence will result in missing a significant amount of information—lectures, background information and presentations. If a participant misses more than two sessions in Part Two, s/he will need to obtain the missed component(s) from another Level II formation, after which the national certificate will be able to be issued.

If an absence is unavoidable, you will be expected to obtain the material from the day of your absence. To do this:

- Obtain the day’s course notes from a fellow participant
- Complete the corresponding reading from the syllabus
- Receive the presentation(s) of that day from an experienced Level II catechist.
- Note: Out of justice, please consider compensating the person who gives you the missed presentations.

** Observation in an accredited Lower Elementary Montessori environment enables you to see the philosophical and pedagogical principles in action that you will use in a Level II atrium. Observation in a Level II atrium will allow you to experience the Child of the Second Plane of Development in the religious environment.

We look forward to seeing you again!

May all your preparations be peaceful and fruitful,

Marty O’Bryan, Formation Leader
Sandra McCutchon, Formation Leader
Fey Barles, Course Coordinator

Important Information from St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church and School -

As we are not yet providing meals, you will need to bring your own lunch. A refrigerator will be available for our use. A sign-up genius may be sent out for those who voluntarily wish to participate in bringing food items to share. The hospitality table will have some fruits, snacks, coffee, water or tea for everyone.

We will meet in Stewardship Hall, 853 N. Socora, Wichita, KS 67212. Kindly use the church and school main parking lot closest to the Stewardship Hall building. Daily Holy Mass is at 8:00 a.m. and at 5:30 p.m. Sunday Vigil Holy Mass is at 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Sunday Holy Mass is at 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, and 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School will abide by the current health and safety protocols at the time of this formation

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