



"I am the vine, you are the branches. Remain in me."

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level II Course in English & Spanish

A formation experience for Catechists
working with children ages 6-9 years

Dates:

November 2,3,4 2007
December 8, 2007
January 5th 2008
February 2, 2008
March 8, 2008
April 5, 2008
May 3, 2008
June 6,7,8 2008
September 6, 2008
October 4, 2008
November 7,8,9 2008

Sponsored by: Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Durham and the Diocesan Catechetical Institute in cooperation with the National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Location:

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
810 Chapel Hill Street, Durham, NC, 27701

*Immaculate Conception Church
Catechesis Formation Level II
725 Burch Ave
Durham, NC 27701*

Formation Team:

Lynne Worthington

Lynne began her Catechesis formation in 1991 in National Formation courses for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, earning certificates as a catechist for all three levels, ages 3-12 years old. She has participated in numerous formation leadership workshops and is recognized as a catechist formation leader by the National Association of The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

Lynne is the coordinator of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for both Immaculata School and for the parish at Immaculate Conception. She presently works with children ages 3-12 and in catechist formation.

She lives in Chapel Hill, NC with her husband, Bill. They have three grown children.

Lourdes Vazquez

Lourdes is from Puerto Rico. She moved to Arizona in 1989 and began work as a volunteer for the Dioceses of Phoenix in 1991. She is a certified catechist in all three levels. Lourdes graduated from Arizona State University and is working on her Masters Degree in Theology from Graduate Theological Foundation in South Bend, Indiana. Currently, she coordinates the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in Spanish at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Phoenix and works as a catechist for English and Spanish speaking children.

Lourdes is recognized by the National Association of the Catechesis as a formation leader for adults. She travels in the US and Mexico to conduct courses in Spanish.

Rick Kinsey:

Rick is in his eight year as a member of the school/parish staff, and twelfth year as a catechist with the children in the atria. He is the coordinator of RCIA Adapted for Children for the parish and Immaculata Catholic School. Rick is a certified catechist for all three levels of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, ages 3-12 years old, and a certified master catechist for the Diocese of Raleigh. He has attended formation leadership workshops and is recognized as a catechist formation leader by the National Association of The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

Rick is the Director of Faith Formation for Immaculate Conception Parish, and lives in Durham, NC with his wife, Jo Ann. They have a grown son and daughter.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level II Formation Course

Name.....Parish/Denomination.....

Address.....State/Zip.....

Phone (H).....(W).....E-Mail.....

Spanish () or English ()

Please E-mail your contact information to register@raldioc.org and send this form along with a \$50 deposit by **October 1, 2007**. Remainder of tuition (\$350) due on first day of training unless other arrangements have been made with Registrar.

Registrar, Diocese of Raleigh
715 Nazareth Street
Raleigh, NC 27606.

A Vision for the Child:

“In the work with children ages six to twelve we enter a different world than that of the younger children, a world more similar to our as adults. However, older childhood, like early childhood, also seems to be a period in which children experience the presence of God with their very own hands, so to speak. This is evident in the meditative and “delight-filled” response of the children to the proclamation...”

Sofia Cavalletti, Introduction to
The Religious Potential of the Child 6 to 12 years old

For nearly 50 years catechists of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd have been exploring the religious life of children and their relationship with God. Guided by the work of Dr. Sofia Cavalletti and her collaborators in Rome, the Catechesis has attempted to further develop the work of Dr. Maria Montessori in the realm of the spiritual life of the child. Today the Catechesis method has spread to all parts of the world. Children and adults of all cultures, a great variety of circumstances and an ever widening ecumenical community, come together to experience and to celebrate God’s call to a covenant relationship, grounded in love and shared through Christ, the One who is also known as “Good Shepherd” and “True Vine.”

Following Dr. Montessori’s philosophy of the planes of development in childhood, the prepared environment of the Atrium, the work of the catechist and the themes presented all must expand to meet the needs of the growing child.

The Level II course is an invitation to those who have worked with younger children in the Catechesis method to continue your own faith journey with the child in relationship with God during this exciting second plane.



Course Objectives:

- ⇒ To present the methodology and guiding principles of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd as it especially pertains to the 6-9 year old child, including Sacramental Preparation for Reconciliation and Eucharist.
- ⇒ To explore the religious nature and the most vital religious needs of the 6 to 9 year old child.
- ⇒ To meditate on the Biblical and Liturgical themes presented to the 6 to 9 year old child.
- ⇒ To offer guidelines and assistance in preparing the 6 to 9 year Atrium environment, and in making the catechist’s album and catechetical material

Certification and Course Requirements:

The National Association Certificate will be granted to all participants who complete the Level II course requirements. The course consists of approximately 94 hours of group participation.

Participants in the Diocese of Raleigh qualify for basic certification as catechists. This course satisfies requirements for nine CEU’s in our diocese.

Schedule for all sessions:

Friday: 6 PM to 9 PM
Saturday: 9 AM to 5 PM
Sunday: 9 AM to Noon (Span)
1 PM to 4 PM (Eng)

Personal album work, assigned reading and observation in a Montessori environment are the responsibility of the individual.

Cost:

Tuition: \$400.00 per participant

Discount: \$200 for participants from parishes in the Catholic Diocese of Raleigh

Fee includes approx 90 hours of course work, the checking and correcting of album pages, a \$35 certificate fee to the National Association at the completion of the course and handouts. It does not include books, notebooks, materials manual or meals.

Additional costs associated with the course:

- **Books:** *Religious Potential of the Child 6 –12*, Sofia Cavalletti (\$20.00). *History’s Golden Thread*, Cavalletti (\$16.00) *Living Liturgy*, Cavalletti (\$10.00)
- **Supplies for album making** (approx \$12.00)
- **Meals:** Friday evening (\$7.00) Saturday: Snacks will be provided and lunch will be the responsibility of the participants

Total additional cost: \$107.00 per participant

A **deposit** of \$50.00 is payable with application form (Oct. 1, 2007). The balance of tuition is due at the beginning of the course, November 2, 2007.

See Registration form on back for more information

NOTE: Financial need should NEVER be an obstacle to formation!! If you need assistance please contact course leader for scholarship and/or payment options!

Meals and Lodging:

Meals:

- **Friday evening meals** will be offered between 5 PM and 6 PM on each of the weekends of the course. (Cost: \$7.00)
- **Morning a snack** will be provided (coffee, fruit, juice, pastries)
- **Noon:** Participants will be responsible for their meal. There are several restaurants and fast food establishments near Immaculate Conception.

Lodging:

For those who wish to spend Friday evenings in Durham there are many accommodations nearby. A list of accommodations will accompany your registration confirmation.

Travel Directions:

Immaculate Conception is located at 810 Chapel Hill St in Durham (notice mailing address is different!)

Driving instructions will be included with your registration confirmation

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