

# Catechesis of the Good Shepherd



## Course

catechist  
for children  
ages 6-9

In November 2023 a certified formation course will be offered to become a catechist for children ages 6 to 9 in Leiden, the Netherlands (near Schiphol airport)

### Catechesis Approach

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd offers religious education for children from 3-12 years old. The approach is based on the experience of the child and allows him to grow in his unique relationship with God. This catechesis is rooted in Scripture and Liturgy and is inspired by Montessori educational principles with the aid of tangible materials.

### The Atrium

The catechesis is given in an environment called the 'Atrium', especially equipped with tailor-made materials and where children and catechists listen, meditate, and celebrate together. In the Atrium, children are introduced to the essential mysteries of the Catholic faith through the Bible and the Liturgy.

### Target Audience

People who want to set up an atrium and offer catechesis at home or in a parish setting to children aged 6 to 9 years. This catechesis can also be used in preparation to First Holy Communion. Participants are expected to have already attended a Level I formation course (children aged 3 to 6 years). We will welcome 10 to 25 participants.



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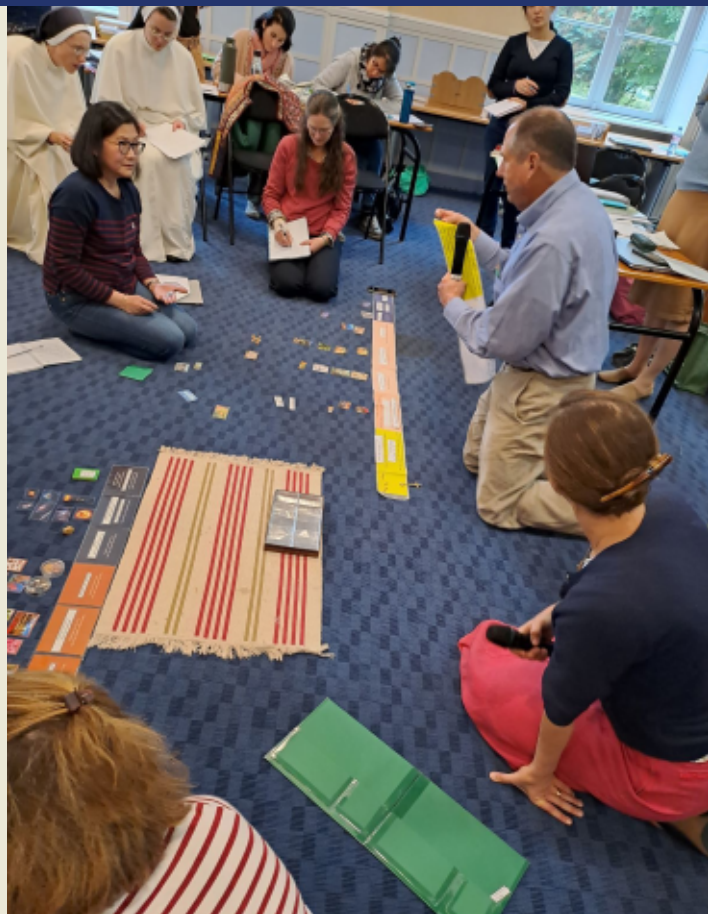
This course provides participants with a theoretical and practical knowledge of Level II of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. It includes preparations in giving the presentations to children, provides a solid background in the theological and pedagogical underpinnings of this work, assists the catechist in preparing an album and the Atrium, and guides catechists in making the handmade materials used for the children's work. It expands upon the themes first introduced in Level I and introduces new themes, especially around the History of the Kingdom of God, and Moral Parables. Sacramental preparation is also a key component of this level.

## Programme

Part 1: November 16 to 21, 2023, 9.00 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

Part 2: March 4 to 9, 2024.

The course is in English with assistance in Dutch.



## Formation Leaders

The course will be led by Dan Teller and sister Theresa Anne Knuth OP, experienced formation leaders recognized by the American Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

## Costs

€ 200, including lunches and coffee/tea breaks. This fee does not cover the costs: donations are welcome. Please contact us if the sum is of an impediment for you to participate. Fee payment upon registration to: Bankaccount / IBAN: NL51 INGB 0002 6909 49 Account holder: HHPP OLV Hemelvaart en St-Joseph BIC number: INGBNL2A Description: 'Course Catechesis Good Shepherd'.

## Location

O.L.V. Hemelvaart & St. Joseph church, Herensingel 3 in Leiden, the Netherlands. Free parking available. At walking distance from Leiden Central Station.



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