Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Training catechesis for children aged 6-9

In September 2018, an official course to become a catechist for children aged 6-9 will be offered in Leiden, the Netherlands.

Catechesis Method

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is an approach to the religious formation of children from 3 to 12 years of age. It is based on the conviction that God and the child are in a relationship. Inspired by Montessori methodology, this world-wide catechetical approach had its beginnings in Rome in 1954 with Sofia Cavalletti and Gianna Gobbi.

The Atrium

The catechesis is offered in a specially furnished 'sacred' space called the Atrium, where both the children and the catechists hear, ponder and celebrate together the most essential mysteries of the Catholic faith as revealed through the Scriptures and the Liturgy, with the help of a rich series of beautiful hand-on materials.

Target Audience

For those who would like to start an atrium in their own parish and offer catechesis to children aged 6 to 9 (or serve in an existing atrium). This catechesis can also be used in preparation to First Holy Communion or education at home. This method also helps to deepen the participants' own Christian spirituality and to broaden their knowledge of the faith.

Content

This course will ground participants in the theory and praxis of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd while also concretely preparing them to develop and facilitate an atrium for 6-9 year-old children. The course will provide participants with an atrium experience that includes lectures, shared readings, presentations, adult reflections, small group work, discussions and album page writing. Participants will also have the opportunity to make some of the materials that can be used in the atrium.

Program

Monday, September 10th to Saturday, September 15th 2018, 9.00 am - 5.30 pm (including lunch).
Course language: English. Examples of materials for children are also available in Dutch.
10 - 20 participants.

‘Listening to God with Children’

Trainers

The training will led by Linda Kaeil and sister Theresa Anne Knuth, certified formation leaders from the American association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

Costs

€ 100 course (including lunch). This fee does not cover the costs, donations are welcome. In case the cost might be an obstacle for you to participate, please contact us. Please pay your course fee upon registration by transfering the amount to:
HHPP OLV Hemelvaart en St. Joseph (Leiden)
IBAN: ING NL51INGB 0002690949 (BIC: INGBNL2A)
Description: ‘Training Catechesis Good Shepherd’.

Location

Parish of O.L.V. Hemelvaart & St. Josephkerk, Herensingel 3 in Leiden. Free parking available. Walking distance from Leiden central station.

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