

## ***Catechesis of the Good Shepherd***

### ***Level 2 Formation***

*for adults working with 6-9 year-old children*

**Part 2a: June 4 – 10, 2025, virtual meeting Saturday,  
May 31, 9am-12pm**

**Part 2b: June 22 – 30, 2026**

**Mon – Sat: 8:30am-5pm, Sun: 1-5pm**



At **Holy Name of Jesus Church**, 1122 South 9<sup>th</sup> Ave, Wausau, WI 54401

#### **❧ Level 2 Formation Course ❧**

The Level 2 Formation introduces new themes for the second plane child as well as broadening – the spiral method! – ones already known from the Level 1 Formation. The Level 2 child has new capacities for time and abstract thinking, and is in a sensitive period for social and moral development.

Participants will collaborate in writing album pages, and at the conclusion of the course will have a complete working album for Level 2.

#### **❧ Course Objectives ❧**

- ❖ To explore the religious nature and the vital religious needs of the 6–9 year-old child;
- ❖ To offer the adult time to hear, reflect prayerfully and consider the biblical and liturgical themes presented to the 6–9 year-old child;
- ❖ To broaden the adult’s ability to observe and learn from children’s spirituality;
- ❖ To offer guidelines and an experience of the Rome model of Retreat for First Confession and First Holy Communion (Fri-Sun, June 26-28, 2026);
- ❖ To offer guidelines and support in preparing the Level 2 atrium, making the catechist's album, and materials for the Level 2 atrium;
- ❖ With successful participation in this course you will receive a certificate from the National Association of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

*I have also been thinking about the “training school,” challenging and at times very demanding, that catechesis with the young children provides for us. If this is true, then our direct contact with children can never be abandoned. There is not a time when, having “gone beyond” the point of working with children, we apply ourselves exclusively to the formation of adults. The moment for solely “teaching teachers to teach” will never come, because if we lose our contact with children we will distance ourselves from the most significant source of our own personal formation.*

*-Sofia Cavalletti*

## ☞ Formation Leaders ☞

**Ruth Ohm Sutherland** and **Rebekah Rojcewicz** will jointly offer this formation. **Rebekah** has been a catechist and a CGS Formation Leader for almost 40 years and was a trained Montessori Guide for 5 years. She received her Catechist Certificate from the Diocese of Rome after studying with Sofia Cavalletti and Gianna Gobbi for two years. Rebekah has edited, translated and written a number of books for the CGS. **Ruth** (ruthohm@gmail.com) has been a catechist since 2007; she is trained in the Levels Infant-Toddler & Levels 1-3 in the CGS. She has started the CGS in three cities (San Francisco, Alameda & Wausau), and currently offers atrium sessions in Levels 1-4. Prior to moving to Wisconsin, Ruth taught Scripture at St. Patrick's, the San Francisco Archdiocesan seminary in Menlo Park, California.

## ☞ Registration & Contact ☞

- **The full course fee is \$470**; it includes Parts 2a & 2b training, experiencing the Rome model for the First Communion Retreat over a weekend (in Part 2b), the registration and certificate from the CGS National Association. Course registration postmarked by **May 10, 2025**.
- Fee for Part 2a alone is \$235 and includes registration with the National Association; fee for Part 2b alone is \$235 and includes retreat materials.
- Checks can be made out to “Stella Maris Catechesis of the Good Shepherd”
- The course is approved by the National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and is applicable toward certification after completion.

**Auditors:** Those already trained in Level 2 who wish to be refreshed are welcome if there is space. If you are already registered with the National Association the fee is \$100 for Part 2a+2b or \$40 for Part 2a and \$60 Part 2b. Please contact Ruth.

Contact: Ruth Ohm Sutherland, 715-551-4760, ruthohm@gmail.com

## ☞ Course Books ☞

Books are purchased separately.

Books will be available for purchase through the training itself, or can be ordered through [cgsusa.org](http://cgsusa.org) (I pre-order a stack so that shipping costs can be shared).

The 4 texts required for the Level 2 formation are:

1. Sofia Cavalletti, *Religious Potential of the Child, 6-12* (3<sup>rd</sup> edition)
- 2 & 3. Sofia Cavalletti, *History of the Kingdom of God*, volumes 1 & 2
4. Rebekah Rojcewicz, *Life in the Vine*

Registration & payment postmarked by May 10, 2025

*Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 2 Adult Formation, for adults working with 6-9 year-old children. Held at Holy Name of Jesus Church, 1122 South 9<sup>th</sup> Ave, Wausau, WI 54401.*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration for full course, Part 2a + 2b (\$470) \_\_\_\_\_

Registration for Part 2a *only* (\$235) \_\_\_\_\_ OR Registration for Part 2b *only* (\$235) \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Church/Denomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Level 1 Formation Leader/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Level 1 completion date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this registration form & check (payable to *Stella Maris CGS*) to

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