



The National Association of
The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Purpose

To assist the involvement of adults and children in a common religious experience in which the religious values of childhood predominate.

Mission Statement

Our mission is to support catechists, parents and others in the church and beyond, as they grow in their understanding of the religious potential of children.

Vision

The National Association will increase staff to provide for directors of formation, pastoral care, resources and development who will work as a team under the leadership of the National Director.

The National Association will work to make the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd accessible to all.

The National Association will provide formation in accord with the work of Sofia Cavalletti and Gianna Gobbi, through the provision of recognized formation leaders and an approved formation leader's handbook.

Formation leaders retreats will be offered regularly by the National Association.

In addition to current sites, courses in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will be held in colleges, universities and seminaries across the United States.

Sofia Cavalletti's and Gianna Gobbi's writings related to the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will be available.

The Association will provide a manual at each level with accurate and most excellent plans and schematics for constructing atrium materials.

Materials changes and new materials as recommended by the International Council will be translated and distributed to formation leaders and catechists through the National Association.

The National Association will form a committee to review and approve materials resources on a regular basis. The committee will provide a list of approved materials resources to the formation leaders.

The National Association will provide help and resources to assist catechists in adapting this work to the liturgy of their denominations.

The National Association will establish and maintain links with denominations represented by the membership and other formation and educational groups.

Recognizing the need for clear and available communications, the National Association will avail itself of written, voice and visual electronic media to maintain contact with catechists and others.

Regional groups will be encouraged in every part of the nation.

The National Association will establish and maintain historical archives of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, making them accessible to members.

Members of the advisory board of the Association will be called upon, seeking their wisdom, support and prayers for the ministry.

The National Association will support the work of the International Council and work in harmony with it.



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Strategic Goals

Implement search process for National Director

Launch the newly designed website
and online Level One Materials Manual

Publish 2010 Journal

Produce Level Three Materials Manual CD

Increase participation in the CGS Fund Matching Gift Campaign

Increase membership by 300 members

Co-sponsor Weaving Our Gifts

2010 FORMATION

Formation Leaders' Training Course, Level One

2011 FORMATION

National Level Two Course, Part One

Formation Leaders' Training Course, Level II and III