



Statutes of the International Council Of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

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1. As of October 25, 1996, the International Council of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd was established and is based in Rome, at Via degli Orsini, 34.
2. The International Council of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a sign of the unity of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd that is present in various countries through the associations.
3. The International Council of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is an instrument for maintaining the unity of the catechists and the identity of the Catechesis as described in the “Characteristics of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd” (the 32 points) and as reflected in these statutes.
4. The International Council of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd meets every three years and is made up of the two catechists/representatives from each association, except for those countries with Executive Committee members. The Executive Committee is made up of Francesca Cocchini, Nora Bonilla, Tere Loyo, and Rebekah Rojcewicz.
5. The representatives of the associations to the International Council of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd are two catechists from each country where the following requirements have been met:
 - The existence of a formally established association for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.
 - Engagement in the work with the children in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for at least seven years.
 - A complete vision of the catechesis, meaning knowledge of all three atrium “levels,” be able to train in all three levels, and the means to insure formation of catechists at all three levels.
6. The two representatives chosen by each country/association shall be chosen on the basis of the following requirements:
 - They must be catechists who have a solid, lengthy experience of working with children in the atrium in all three levels and have a complete vision of the Catechesis.

- They must be in cooperation and communication with their association's board or equivalent governing body so as to have as complete a vision as is possible of the development and needs of the catechesis in their country, and they must be willing and able to communicate to their association what transpires at the Consiglio gathering. At least one of the two representatives from each association must be currently working with children in an atrium.
- In countries where there are catechists of different Christian confessions, the association's choice of Consiglio representatives must reflect the ecumenical situation of that country.

7. The tasks of the International Council are as follows:

- **Communication:** to facilitate communication and the exchange of experiences at the international level.
- **Formation:** to reflect on proposed content in the formation of children and adults.
- **Research:** to call forth research and a deepening of understanding regarding both aspects of the Christian message (the doctrinal content) and the methodology pertaining to the themes of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- **Materials:** to respond to observations and questions regarding the materials in use.
- To approve the requests of new associations to become part of the International Council.
- To make all decisions regarding the assurance of the correct application of the method of the catechesis.

8. The Executive Committee:

- Has the task of executing the decisions made at the Consiglio meeting and dealing with other concerns [that arise between Consiglio meetings and] that will then be ratified at the next Consiglio meeting.
- Is responsible for communicating directly with the boards of the associations [or equivalent governing bodies] in preparation for the next meeting of the International Council.
- Can invite guests to the Consiglio meeting, around a particular theme who can offer expertise to the Consiglio meeting.

9. It is the responsibility of each association to implement the decisions of the International Council in its own country.