

Registration for Level II

Name: _____

Parish name address & e-mail

Home Address:

Cell Phone: _____

Personal Email: _____

Please send the form above and a check for $\frac{1}{2}$ the tuition payable to **The Guild of The Good Shepherd**, to the address below as your non-refundable deposit. Full tuition is due on the first day of class. If possible, prepayment of the full amount is appreciated.

Bob Russo

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Please also send the above info to:

JLSHooock@gmail.com

We will send, via email a confirmation of your registration, syllabus by session date, and suggestions for your preparation. Complete tuition is balance due at the first class and is not refundable. If this presents a hardship please arrangements with the Formation Leader to pay the tuition in two parts.

Guild of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
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Catechesis
of the Good
Shepherd

**Formation
Course
for Catechists
Level II**

*Focusing on the 6 - 9
year-old child*

Course Location: St. Andrew's Episcopal
Church, 7 Falkner St., Ayer, MA 01432-1698

2017

June 29-30

July 1

2018

July 5-9

3 other dates TBD

Just as in the Atrium, our true teacher is always the Holy Spirit --- coming to each one of us exactly where we most need to stretch.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Children and adults enjoying God together

In the atrium, adults and children together listen to Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who knows our name and loves us as we truly are. Jesus calls us to come to him like a little child—to be filled with wonder, hope, peace, joy, and most of all, his love.

In Level II both children and catechists come to know that:

- God is working out a plan of salvation from Creation, through Redemption, to the Parousia.
- God calls us to participate in this plan.
- The Bible is a wonderful, living Chronicle of God's saving deeds in history.
- Jesus calls us to abide in him through the Eucharist.
- A Solemn Celebration of Holy Communion retreat and experience of Reconciliation deepens the experience of abiding in Christ.

Level 2 Catechist Formation

To participate fully, you should have completed a Level 1 formation course OR have worked in a Level 1 and/or Level 2 atrium. In the course, as in Level 1, you will have the opportunity to experience and meditate on the presentations given to the children as an adult. Following group theological reflection you will write several album pages to share with the group. Everyone who completes the course is eligible to receive a nationally recognized certification.

Guild of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Our primary goal is to promote and support the work of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in the New England region.

We have a website (www.cgsma.org) and sponsor materials making workshops and other events. Please check out website for courses and one day events.

We are particularly committed to making training for catechists affordable and local.

Course Fee

\$550 for the first participant from each church. There is a \$100 discount to the 2nd, 3rd, or 4th registrant from your parish. Our discounts are due to a generous grant from the Episcopal Diocese of MA. You may pay tuition in installments by arrangement with Bob Russo our treasurer. See registration on back.

Location

St. Andrew's, 7 Faulkner St., Ayer, MA has atriums at all three levels. Ayer is in central MA, about 50 minutes from Boston. Worcester is 27 miles away. Several nice hotels are located on Devens Commons, 5 minutes from Ayer.

Formation Leader

The Rev. Joyce Scherer-Hoock is the Rector of St. Paul's Andrew's Church, Ayer, MA. Joyce has an M.Div from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and has been an Episcopal priest for 21 years. Before ordination, she taught high potential learning-disabled adolescents at Landmark School. She loves material making and often works "catechesis presentations" into sermons and adult classes. Joyce is Rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal church where the course is located.

She and her husband, Robert, have two daughters. Joyce is certified as a Level 1, 2 and 3 Formation Leader by the Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

Course Questions?

For any questions, contact Joyce at JLSHoock@gmail.com

National Certification

The Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (www.cgsusa.org) offers a nationally recognized certification for those who complete the all sessions of the Level 2 Formation Course and have their own album pages reviewed by the formation leader. Additional fee, \$35.

