

Registration for Level I

Name _____

Parish name, address & email _____

Home address _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Personal email: _____

Guild Member? (Circle) Individual or Parish Member

Please send this form along with a check for half the tuition **payable to The Guild of The Good Shepherd**, to our treasurer at 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
185 Ipswich Rd
Topsfield, MA 01983
Guild@therussos.net

Please also send the above info to course leader, Carol Godfrey:
cgodfrey67@comcast.net

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

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Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Formation Course for Catechists: Level I

Focusing on the 3 – 6 year old child

12 Saturdays: Sept. 2018 to Dec. 2019
9 am – 4:30 pm

Course location: **Parish of the Good Shepherd**
1671 Beacon Street, Waban (Newton), MA 02468
<http://goodshepherdnewton.org>

2018: September 29
October 20
November 17
December 8

2019: January 19
February 23
March 23
April 27
May 18
June 8 (snow date)
October 19
November 16
December 14



History & Description

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is an approach to the religious formation of children, 3 –12 years of age, based on the conviction that God and the child are in relationship.

Inspired by Montessori methodology, this approach had its start in 1954 when Sofia Cavalletti, a scripture scholar, and Gianni Gobbi, a Montessori educator, founded the Good Shepherd Atrium in Rome.

The Level I course is the foundation for all three levels of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program.



In the Level I Course you will:

Explore the religious nature and vital needs of the 3-6 year old child.



Experience the method and guiding principles of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

Broaden your ability to observe and learn from children as you listen with them to scripture, deepening your enjoyment of God's presence.

Receive guidelines and assistance in preparing the atrium environment, and in making your album of work and presentation materials.

Meditate on all the scriptural and liturgical themes presented to the 3 –6 children allowing them to deepen your relationship with God in Christ.

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. Visit www.cgsma.org to learn about trainings, materials making workshops and other events. We communicate frequently by email with people who share an interest in this work in this region and have a 9-member board that meets several times a year.

We are particularly committed to making training for catechists affordable and local. This is our 18th local formation course since April 2002.



Course Fee

- **\$400** for church members in the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts
- **\$450** for individuals outside the Diocese

Because the Guild believes strongly that parishes need many trained catechists, we offer a \$100 discount to the 2nd, 3rd and 4th registrants from your parish. Our discounts are due to a generous grant from the Episcopal Diocese of MA. Full tuition is due on the 1st day of class unless special arrangements are made



Formation Leader

Ms. Carol Godfrey is currently a Catechist at Trinity Church in Randolph. She holds a Master of Education in Early Childhood and works with early childhood programs seeking to improve their quality. Carol has taught all levels from birth to grade 5, but her expertise is with preschool and kindergarten. She is also experienced in teaching adults as a former college instructor and a Level I Formation Leader, certified by the National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

For any questions about course content, contact Carol at cgodfrey67@comcast.net or 508-508-5229

National Certification

The Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (www.cgsusa.org) offers a nationally recognized certification for those who complete the Level I Formation Course, including assignments for a group album. Those individuals wishing to complete an individual album should speak to the formation leader .

Course Location

Parish of the Good Shepherd is located at 1671 Beacon Street in Waban (Newton), MA. Parking is usually available at the Angier Elementary School.

From Interstate 95, take MA-16, exit 21 toward Newton-Wellesley. Keep right to take the 16 E ramp toward W. Newton (Waban). Turn slight right onto Beacon Street. 1671 Beacon St. is on the left.