

Registration for Level I

Name _____

Parish name, address & email _____

Home address _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Personal email: _____

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 this presents a hardship, please make arrangements with the Formation Leader to pay the tuition in two parts. If possible, prepayment of the full amount is appreciated. If your church is paying multiple tuitions one check for all class members is appreciated

Check and Registration Form above to:

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Please also send the information above in an email to the Formation Leader, The Rev. Joyce Scherer-Hoock.

The Rev. Joyce Scherer-Hoock
JLSHoock@gmail.com

She will email confirmation of your registration, a syllabus by session date, and suggestions for your preparation.



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Formation Course for Adults: Level I

Focusing on the 3 – 6 year old child

Tuesdays, Sept. 11, 2018 – June 25, 2019

6:45 – 9 pm

Course location: **Christ Church of Hamilton & Wenham**

149 Asbury Street, So. Hamilton, MA

2018

September 11, 25
October 2, 9, 23, 30
November 6, 13, 27
December 4, 11

2019

Jan 8, 22, 29
Feb 5, 12, 26
March 5, 12, 26
April 2, 9, 23
May 7, 14, 28
June 4, 11, 25



Two girls in the St. Andrew's atrium carefully practice preparing the cruets of wine and water in the same way they are prepared for the Holy Eucharist.

History & Description

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a revolutionary 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 Gobi, a Montessori educator, founded the Good Shepherd Atrium in Rome. For more on Cavalletti see http://www.talbot.edu/ce20/educators/catholic/sophia_cavaletti/



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 unique developmental needs and spiritual sensitivities of the 3-6 year old child.

Experience the method and guiding principles of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in a retreat like setting.

Prepare to listen to Scripture with children and deepen your enjoyment of God's presence.

Experience every lesson given the 3-6 children, meditating on core Bible passages and highlights of the Eucharist yourself, thus deepening your relationship with God-in-Christ.

Learn to think theologically as you explore the doctrinal content of each lesson; explore and understand the learning aim for each lesson.

Each class session will include prayer, song, background lectures in theology, the developmental characteristics of young children, and demonstrations of how the atrium materials and environment are used to build a community of prayer, wonder and praise.



Formation Leader

The Rev. Joyce Scherer-Hoock is the Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Ayer. Joyce has a Master of Divinity as well as an undergraduate degree in Biblical Studies. She has been an Episcopal priest for 30 years. Before ordination, she taught high potential learning-disabled adolescents at Landmark School. She loves making catechesis materials from things she finds at yard sales and thrift shops, and often works "catechesis presentations" into sermons and adult classes.



The National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd certifies Joyce as a Level 1, 2 and 3 Formation Leader. She makes the time to offer CGS Formation Courses for adults because of the spiritual growth she sees in the adults exposed to this method of faith formation.

Tuition & Texts

Course Tuition: \$500

Payable at the first class. If your church is paying multiple tuitions one check for all class members is appreciated.

You will need the following texts for this course.

[The Religious Potential of the Child](#) by Sofia Cavalletti, The National Association's Website www.cgsusa.org

[Listening to God with The Children](#) by Gianna Gobi, The center for Children and Theology, www.cctheo.org

[The Good Shepherd and the Child: A Joyful Journey](#), Coulter, www.cgsusa.org

A study Bible in a modern translation such as NRSV, NIV or CEV

The Book of Common Prayer and The Catechism of the Catholic Church both available online.

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 via ConstantContact with people who share an interest in this work in this region. Our board meet several times a year. New board members are welcome.