

## Registration for Level I

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish name address & e-mail  
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Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Personal Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Guild Member? (Circle which type.)

Individual or Parish Member

Please send your registration form and a check payable to **The Guild of The Good Shepherd**, as your non-refundable deposit, by **August 1, 2010** to:

**Bob Russo**

**185 Ipswich Rd**

**Topsfield, MA 01983**

[Guild@therussos.net](mailto:Guild@therussos.net)

You should also register by e-mail by sending the above info to:

**JLSHoock@gmail.com**

We will send, via email or post, a confirmation of your registration. Complete tuition is balance due at the first class and is not refundable.

If this presents a hardship you may make arrangements with the Formation Leader to pay the tuition in two parts.

We will also send directions to Lincoln, a syllabus by session date, and suggestions for your preparation.

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

**Formation  
Course  
for Catechists  
Level I**

*Focusing on the 3 - 6  
year old child*

10 Saturdays

October , 2010 - June 7, 2011

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

St. Anne's in the Field's

147 Concord Rd.

Lincoln, MA

2010	2011
October 2,	Jan 8,
October 30,	Feb 5,
Nov 13	March 5,
Dec 4,	April 2,
	May 7,
	June 4

## 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 Gobi, 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 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.

We have a website ([www.cgsma.org](http://www.cgsma.org)) and sponsor materials making workshops and other events. We try to communicate frequently by email with people who share an interest in this work in this region.

We 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 12th local formation course since April 2002.

### Course Fee

**\$400 for Non-Guild Members**

**\$350 for Guild Members**

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

**FYI:** If you or your parish is not a guild member for 2010, you can include a separate check for membership and pay the lower tuition. Annual Guild Membership, suggested donations: Individual-\$25, Parish-\$50.

## Formation Leaders

The Rev. Joyce Scherer-Hoock is the Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Ayer. Joyce has a Masters of Divinity as well as an undergraduate degree in Biblical Studies. She has been an Episcopal priest for 20 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. The National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd certifies Joyce as a Level 1, 2 and 3 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 national accreditation / credentialing. 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 The Rev. Joyce Scherer-Hoock [JLSHoock@gmail.com](mailto:JLSHoock@gmail.com), 978 887-9024

### National Certification

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

### Course Location

St. Anne's is about a mile from Walden Pond, and about two miles from the historic center of Concord. For directions see [www.stanneslincoln.org](http://www.stanneslincoln.org) Arrangements can be made for participants to be picked up at the Lincoln train station. Both Level I and Level II atria are available for use by the class. The building is fully handicapped accessible.

