

Registration for Level I

Name: _____

Parish: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Guild Member? (Circle which type.)

Individual or Parish Membership

Who else from your parish will attend?

(Circle one) I am the: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th participant from my parish

Registration and questions may be addressed to Course Coordinator, Emma Staatz at

Church of Our Redeemer

6 Meriam Street

Lexington, MA 02420

Attention Emma Staatz, Catechesis Registration

OR AT estatz@gmail.com

(Put Catechesis in the subject line)

OR AT 646-808-4075

Please send your registration form and a check for $\frac{1}{2}$ of the course tuition, \$200 —payable to **The Guild of the Good Shepherd**, as your non-refundable deposit, by **August 1, 2009**. **Special payment arrangements may be made if needed. Please contact the registrar.**

Confirmation of your registration, directions to Lincoln, a syllabus by session date and suggestions for your preparation will be sent upon receipt of your registration.

Guild of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
6 Pond Lane Extension
Billerica, MA 01821



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Formation Course for Catechists

Level I

*Focusing on the 3 - 6
year old child*

10 Saturdays

Sept 19, 2009 - June 12, 2010

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

2009	2010
September 19 th	January 9 th
October 10 th	February 13 th
November 14 th	March 13 th
December 12 th	April 10 th
	May 8 th
	June 12 th

St. Anne's Episcopal Church

147 Concord Rd.

Lincoln, MA 01773

978-887-5570

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 Cavaletti, a scripture scholar, and Gianna 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 and presentation materials
- Deepen your relationship with God through reflection on all the scriptural and liturgical themes presented to the 3 -6 year old child.

Sponsored by

The Guild of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd,

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

See our website (www.cgsma.org) for courses and information on CGS events.

Course Fee

\$400 for Non-Guild Members

\$350 for Guild Members*

Because parishes need many trained catechists, we offer an additional \$100 discount to the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th registrant from your parish. Additional registrants, beyond four, from the same parish are free. Some scholarship money is available from the Guild. See our web site for information and application.

Complete payment is due on the 1st day of class unless special arrangements are made ahead of time. We ask that tuition checks come from either the individual, or the church to minimize our bookkeeping.

*Become a Guild Member by including a separate check for membership and pay the lower tuition. Annual Guild Membership: Individual-\$25, Parish-\$50.

Formation Leaders

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.

The Rev. Joyce Scherer-Hoock is the Director of Spiritual Formation at St. Anne's in Lincoln. Joyce has a Masters of Divinity as well as an undergraduate degree in Biblical Studies. She has been an Episcopal priest for 18 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.

Course Location

This course will be held at St. Anne's Episcopal Church, 147 Concord Road, Lincoln, Massachusetts 01773

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 and have their album pages reviewed by the formation leader. Additional fee, \$35.

