

How do I register for the Level III Course?

- Fill out the form below and return with your check payable to OEEC, Attention: Kelly Henderschedt
- Or visit www.CatholicEdAOHCT.org

Parish or School

Parish or School Town

Registrant's Name

Mailing Address

City, State, Zip

Day Phone

Cell Phone

Email

Questions?

Contact: Kelly Henderschedt

Archdiocesan Director of Catechesis

Office of Education, Evangelization and Catechesis

Archdiocese of Hartford

467 Bloomfield Avenue

Bloomfield, CT 06002

(860) 242-5573 x2663

Kelly.Henderschedt@aohct.org

The Office of Education, Evangelization and Catechesis Archdiocese of Hartford

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Level III Formation Course for Adults



What is Catechesis of the Good Shepherd?

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a hands-on approach to faith formation based on the Montessori method of learning. It utilizes a prepared space for children called the “atrium” and extensively trained catechists. The atrium is filled with child-sized furnishings and manipulative models representing people, places, and objects found in scripture and liturgy. Everything in the atrium is made to feed the deep religious potential of children.

Training in **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** prepares adults to work in the atrium with children. Adults often find the courses to be useful to their own spiritual life as well. This is a Level III course in preparation for working with 9 - 12 year-old children. Completion of a Level I and Level II course is a pre-requisite for participation in a Level III course.

This course is structured to prepare catechists to begin work in a Level III atrium as soon as Fall 2020, and will meet the following objectives:

- Present the methodology and guiding principles of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.
- Explore the general developmental characteristics, religious nature, and the religious needs of the 9 - 12 year old child.
- Meditate on Biblical and liturgical themes and presentations presented to the 9 - 12 year-old child.
- Offer guidelines and assistance in creating a 9 - 12 atrium, preparing the catechist's album, and materials making.
- Broaden one's ability to observe and learn from children, to listen with children to Scripture, and to deepen one's enjoyment of God's presence.

For more information you can visit The National Association Website:

www.cgsusa.org

Where is the training offered?

Saint Patrick - Saint Anthony Church
Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry
285 Church Street, Hartford, CT 06103

When will the Level III training be held?

Training will be held 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on the following days:

- July 20 - 24, 2020
- October 24 - 25, 2020
- November 14 - 15, 2020
- March 20 - 21, 2021
- July 19 - 23, 2021

Who are the Formation Leaders?

Deborah Pelletier is the Coordinator of Religious Education at Saint Patrick - Saint Anthony Church, Hartford. She works with children ages 3 - 12 in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd atriums and has worked with children in CGS since 1995. Deborah is recognized by the National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd as a Formation Leader for all three levels.

Susan Piescik studied all three levels of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd with those trained directly under Sofia Cavalletti. She has worked with children in the atrium since 1990 and has been a certified formation leader since 1994. She has led CGS courses throughout New England as well as in New York and Michigan. She is currently affiliated with Catechesis of the Good Shepherd at Saint Patrick-Saint Anthony Church, Hartford, CT.

Catherine Maresca, MA, studied the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd with Rebekah Rojcewicz and Sofia Cavalletti. She has conducted formation courses across the United States and in Uganda. She is founder and director of the Center for Children and Theology, where she researches the spiritual life of young children. Catherine has authored many articles and books on CGS including: Violence and Nonviolence in Scripture; When You Were Baptized; and Double Close: The Young Child's Knowledge of God.

What is the cost?

For within Archdiocese of Hartford:

- \$500 for course
- \$35 for registration with US Association of CGS

Total: \$535/per person

For outside of Archdiocese of Hartford

- \$550 for course
- \$35 for registration with US Association of CGS

Total: \$585/per person

This course is generously supported by

