

How do I register for the Level II Course?

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

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Registrant's Name

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Questions?

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The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Level II 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. Often adults also find the courses to be useful to their own spiritual life as well. This is a Level II course in preparation for working with 6 - 9 year-old children. Level II is foundational to training and working in Level III (9 -12 year-olds). Completion of a Level I course is a pre-requisite for participation in a Level II course.

This course is structured to prepare catechists to begin work in a Level II atrium as soon as Fall 2019, 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 6 - 9 year old child.
- Meditate on Biblical and liturgical themes and presentations presented to the 6 - 9 year-old child.
- Offer guidelines and assistance in creating a 6 - 9 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?

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

When will the *Level II* training be held?

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

- July 8 - 12, 2019
- September 7 - 8, 2019
- November 2 - 3, 2019
- January 11, 2020
- March 7 - 8, 2020
- April 25 - 26, 2020

Who is the Formation Leader?

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.

What is the cost?

For within Archdiocese of Hartford \$300/per person

For outside of Archdiocese of Hartford \$350/per person

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