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# The Office of Education, Evangelization and Catechesis Archdiocese of Hartford

## The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

### Level 1 Formation Course for Adults



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## What is Catechesis of the Good Shepherd?

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a hands-on method of 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 I course in preparation for working with 3-6 year-old children. Level I is foundational to training and work in Level II (6-9 year-olds) and Level III (9-12 year-olds). It is appropriate for those wishing to be catechists as well as others wishing to have a deeper understanding of the spirituality of children.

This course is structured to prepare catechists to begin work in a Level I atrium as soon as Fall 2018, 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 3-6 year old child.
- meditate on Biblical and liturgical themes and presentations presented to the 3-6 year-old child.
- offer guidelines and assistance in creating a 3-6 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.

## Where is the training offered?

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

## When will the training be held?

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

- May 19/20, 2018
- June 18 - 22, 2018
- September 15/16, 2018
- November 3/4, 2018
- January 19, 2019  
(snow date January 26 )
- March 2/3, 2019
- April 6/7, 2019

## Who is the Formation Team

**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.

**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 \$250/per person  
For outside of Archdiocese of Hartford \$350/per person

## For more information:

- National Association Website: [www.cgsusa.org](http://www.cgsusa.org)
- OEEC Website: [www.CatholicEdAOCT.org](http://www.CatholicEdAOCT.org)