



Diocese of Worcester
OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level I
Formation Course for Adults Part 1

Sept. 24, 25, 26, and Nov. 19, 20, 21 from 9-5
St. John the Guardian of Our Lady
80 Union Street, Clinton, MA 01510



Level 1 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Originated in 1954 by Sofia Cavalletti, a biblical scholar, and Gianna Gobbi, an educator of children and teachers, Level 1 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd helps the young child ages 3-6 (and their catechists) enter into a personal, intimate relationship with Jesus. It seeks to create a sacred space for children called the Atrium, in which both the children and their catechists can hear, ponder and celebrate the most essential mysteries of our Catholic faith as revealed in Scriptures and the Liturgy. This leads little children, and quite often their entire families to come to a deep appreciation for the sacraments and above all, the Eucharist.

Course Objectives

- To present the methodology and guiding principles of CGS to the 3-6 year old child
- To explore the religious nature and the most vital religious needs of the young child
- To meditate on the biblical and liturgical themes presented to children
- To offer guidelines and assistance for setting up an atrium, preparing an album and making materials
- To broaden the catechist's ability to observe and learn from children, to listen with children to Scripture and to deepen the catechist's enjoyment of God's presence

Certification: The National Certificate of Completion will be issued upon the completion of Level I, Parts 1 and 2. The Level I certificate honors your full attendance and participation in the entire Level I course. (Level I Part 2 will be offered in the summer of 2022).

Formation Leader: Mary Pat Heelan has recently been named a Formation Leader for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. She studied Elementary Education at Boston College, worked for many years as a kindergarten teacher and has a Masters Degree in Pastoral Ministry from Anna Maria College. She is an Associate Director of Religious Ed for the Diocese of Worcester.

Tuition: The tuition for Level I Part 1 Formation for catechists working in the Diocese of Worcester, MA will be \$175 which includes a \$35 fee for the National Association of Good Shepherd Certification. For those outside of the Diocese of Worcester, the tuition will be \$400.

Texts: We will use three texts for this course. Please let Mary Pat know if you need a book and she will order it for you. *The Religious Potential of the Child 3rd edition*, by Sofia Cavalletti, *The Good Shepherd and the Child*, *The Joyful Journey* by Cavalletti and others, and *Listening to God with Children* by Gianna Gobbi.

Lunch, Snacks, Drinks: Please bring your own lunch, snacks and drinks with you each day.

Covid 19 Notice: This course may require masks, social distancing and sanitization of all materials. Participants must stay home if they are feeling sick, or anyone in their home is sick. Anyone who is absent due to illness, will be able to attend the course at a different time, free of charge.

Due Dates: Registration and Tuition are due by **Sept 1, 2021**. Please also email Mary Pat the CGS course Registration Form below. Thank you.

For more information contact: Mary Pat Heelan mheelan@worcesterdiocese.org or call 508-929-4302.

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Parish or School	City/State
Registrant's Name:	
Mailing Address :	
City, State, Zip :	
Member of Diocese of Worcester, MA? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> or No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Phone:	Can this phone receive TEXTS? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Email:	
Please Mark with an X if you need any of these books and we will order them for you.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>The Religious Potential of the Child 3rd edition</i> , by Sofia Cavalletti
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>The Good Shepherd and the Child, The Joyful Journey</i> by Cavalletti and others
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Would you like us to bill you or the parish for your tuition?	
Bill Me <input type="checkbox"/>	
Bill my Parish <input type="checkbox"/>	Parish Name: Parish Address:
If you are a catechist in the Diocese of Worcester, please mail a copy of this registration, with your \$175 tuition check made payable to the Office of Religious Ed and mail to: Tina Romeo, Office of Religious Education, 49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609	
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Please also email this registration back to Mary Pat Heelan at mheelan@worcesterdiocese.org.