

# Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

## Level II Formation Course for adults

Saint Andrew Catholic Church, 109 Main St., Rte. 100; Waterbury, VT

Dec 10-11, 2022, Jan 14-15 & Mar 11-12 & May 6-7;  
and June 19-25, 2023

*Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* is a hands-on method of faith formation based on the Montessori method of learning. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd utilizes a prepared space for children called the “atrium” and trained catechists. The atrium, a space where both the children and catechists can hear, ponder and celebrate the most essential mysteries of the Christian faith, contains models representing people, places, and objects found in scripture and liturgy. Everything in the atrium is made to feed the deep religious needs of children. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd began in Rome in 1954 with a collaboration between Dr. Sofia Cavalletti, a Hebrew scripture scholar who served on the Vatican commission for Christian-Jewish relations, and Gianna Gobbi, a Montessori educator. Catechists began using Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in the United States over 40 years ago. It continues to grow and today it is used in many dioceses across the nation, in 65 countries, and by several religious orders.



**For more information on Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, see the National Association Website: [www.cgsusa.org](http://www.cgsusa.org)**

**Training:** *This Level II course builds upon the foundation of the Level I course and prepares catechists to work with 6-9 year old children.*

This course is structured to prepare catechists to begin work in a Level II atrium as early as Fall 2022 and aims to:

- Explore the general developmental characteristics, religious nature, and the most vital religious needs of the 6-9 year old child.
- Meditate on the Biblical and liturgical themes presented to the 6-9 year-old child as provided by Sofia Cavalletti and Gianna Gobbi. This also includes scriptural meditations for Sacramental Preparation.
- Offer guidelines and assistance in preparing the atrium, preparing the catechist’s album, and making materials for the Level II atrium.
- Further the catechist’s ability to observe and learn from the elementary age child and nurture, with sensitivity, the child’s spirituality

### **Course Dates and Times:**

- **Part 1:** Weekends on Dec 10-11, 2022 & Jan 14-15, Mar 11-12 and May 6-7, 2023):  
Saturdays 9:30-3:50, Sundays 10:15-5:00
- **Part 2:** Monday, June 19 to Sunday, June 25, 2023  
Monday-Friday: 9:00-5:00, Saturday: 10:00 -3:45, Sunday: 10:30 – 5:00

Mass times at St Andrew’s: Saturday 4:00 p.m., Sunday 9:00 a.m.; daily mass 8 a.m. (no Mass on Tuesday)

**Questions about this course? Contact Kathleen Cosentino at [kcosentino@madriver.com](mailto:kcosentino@madriver.com)**

**Formation Leader:** Audrey Walko is a Level I and II Formation Leader certified by the National Association. Audrey has been involved in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd since 1999, having

studied with those trained directly under Sofia Cavalletti; she has completed training at all three levels, and has served as a catechist for over 20 years. She is currently a catechist at St. Andrew's Church in Waterbury, VT. She has been a Formation Leader since 2010. Audrey has 5 children, all of whom are Atrium graduates.

**Course Fees: \$650 \$50 non-refundable deposit**

Part 1 tuition \$300 due by December 10; Part 2 tuition \$300 due June 19, 2023.

*\*\*Discounted course fee for 2 or more registrations from the same parish: \$600 per person*

**Certification:** Course fees include a certificate from the National Association for CGS for those who participate in at least 90% of the course. Course participants assume responsibility for the development of their own Level II album.

**Required Texts:** The Religious Potential of the Child 6 to 12 Years Old by Sofia Cavalletti; The History of the Kingdom of God, Part I: From Creation to Parousia by Sofia Cavalletti; The History of the Kingdom of God, Part 2: Liturgy and the Building of the Kingdom by Sofia Cavalletti; Life in the Vine by Rebekah Rojcewicz  
<https://app.etapestry.com/cart/CatechesisGoodShepherd/default/category.php?ref=628.0.447758439>  
or from online booksellers.

**To Register:** Please send completed registration form and payment by August 25, 2022. Registrants should already have Level I Certification. Exceptions will be handled on a case by case basis; please contact the course coordinator for information. Space is limited so early registration is encouraged.

*Nursing babies welcome. Childcare, if needed, can be looked into.*

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## CGS Level II REGISTRATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you welcome texts? [ ] yes [ ] no      Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Name, City, State: \_\_\_\_\_

Level I Formation Leader: \_\_\_\_\_ Level I location: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about our course? \_\_\_\_\_

Check all that apply:

- [ ] I live within commuting distance and I may be able to host \_\_\_\_ (number) of out-of-town course participants.
- [ ] I am not local and wish to inquire about the availability of staying as a guest in someone's home.

**Make checks payable to St Andrew Catholic Church, write in the memo: CGS course Level II.**

**Mail check and this form to:** Kathleen Cosentino - Course Coordinator  
St. Andrew Catholic Church  
109 South Main St.  
Waterbury, VT 05676