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Department  
of Christian  
Education



*Catechesis of the Good Shepherd*  
**Level I Formation Training**  
**Monday-Friday, August 12-16**  
**Saint Tikhon's Seminary**  
**South Canaan, Pennsylvania**

Most of the cost of the formation retreat will be generously sponsored by our Diocese of New York and New Jersey--lodging and meals included! For each Diocesan participant, only a registration fee of **\$35** is required!

**COURSE OVERVIEW**

Formation Courses are the method by which the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is offered to adults. Adults will have the opportunity to see and practice presentations and work with materials given to children in a specific age group. Courses are both educational and a retreat, forming the adult to serve the child.

Each formation course includes preparation in giving the presentations (the lessons) to the children, provides a solid background in the Montessori educational approach; and articulates the theological underpinnings of this work. The Formation Leader assists the adult catechist in how to write an album, how to prepare the environment, and how to make the materials for the children's work.



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