

**The Catechesis Office, Diocese of Hamilton,  
is pleased to announce the following Training Opportunity:**



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Archdiocese of Toronto  
& Continuing Education, University of St. Michael's College

**CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD CERTIFICATE PROGRAM**  
**Level I: Foundations Course: Children Ages Birth - 6**

This introductory course for adults will explore the foundations of an internationally recognized approach to the religious education/formation of children known as the *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd*, which is offered in many dioceses, including the Archdiocese of Toronto and the Diocese of Hamilton. *The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* for children highlights essential aspects of the Christian message that nurture the child's need to love and be loved and the child's capacity to enjoy God's presence in their life.

The course will present the orientation to the key issues fundamental to this ministry with children in early childhood. It will also introduce the foundational Biblical and Liturgical themes which we present to children, along with the opportunity to work with the catechetical materials hand-made to nurture children's prayer.

This approximately 90-hour course held over two years is especially designed for those who are interested or already involved in caring for the spiritual lives of children; in the home, parish and school setting. It is also a prerequisite for further adult formation courses in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Certificate Program (Levels II and III).

**Schedule**

Monday nights, 7 – 9:30 pm, beginning September 29th, 2014

**Part 1:**

September 2014 – March 2015

**Part 2:**

September 2015 – March 2016

**Location**

Holy Rosary Parish, 175 Emma Street, Guelph ON, N1E 1V6

If you would like to register for the upcoming course or would like more information regarding this training opportunity, please contact *Anne Jamieson, Director of Catechesis, Diocese of Hamilton* at 905-528-7988, ext. 2251 or, by email at [ajamieson@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:ajamieson@hamiltondiocese.com)

