

The various levels of training for adults are:

- ◆ Level I (3-6 year olds)
- ◆ Level II (6-9 year olds)
- ◆ Level III (9-12 year olds)

Each course requires 90-120 hours of training including:

- ◆ lectures
- ◆ presentations
- ◆ prayer reflections
- ◆ observations
- ◆ material making
- ◆ discussion
- ◆ planning
- ◆ writing album pages

Level I training must be completed prior to Level II and Level III training.

Course Objectives

- ◆ To explore the religious potential and characteristics of the
 - ◇ 3-6 year (Level I)
 - ◇ 6-9 year old child (Level II)
- ◆ To present the methodology and guiding principles of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- ◆ To offer guidelines and assistance in preparing an atrium environment and in making catechist album pages and materials
- ◆ To meditate on the scriptural, doctrinal, and liturgical themes presented to the 3-6 year old child
- ◆ To broaden the catechist's ability to observe, listen and learn from children
- ◆ To deepen the catechist's prayer life and relationship with God

Recommended Texts Level I

- ◆ *Religious Potential of the Child* (Vol. 1) by Sofia Cavalletti
- ◆ *Listening to God with Children: Montessori Principles Applied to the Catechesis of Children* by Gianna Gobbi
- ◆ *The Good Shepherd & the Child: The Joyful Journey* by Patricia Coulter

Recommended Texts Level II

- ◆ *Religious Potential of the Child 6 to 12 Years Old* by Sofia Cavalletti
- ◆ *The History of the Kingdom of God Part 1, From Creation to Parousia* by Sofia Cavalletti

Participants will need:

- ◆ Note taking materials
- ◆ 3" three-ring binder

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