

# Educating in Christ (EIC) | IN PROGRESS

Have you ever wondered how to best support children on this joyful journey, especially in these immensely challenging times? How can we help these young ones to learn about God's truth not only in their heads, but come to *hunger* for Him in their hearts?

Children have an immense capacity for God, who has written the desire for Him in their hearts. Jesus invites us, as adults, to participate with the Holy Spirit in guiding little one to the Father's Heart. This track is a unique adaptation of the work of Dr. Maria Montessori and Dr. Sofia Cavalletti by an educational expert, Dr. Gerard O'Shea. This collection of workshops offers the *unparalleled value of Montessorian formation skills* to parents in the home, to parish volunteers, and to teachers serving in regular Catholic schools, to enable the majority of Catholic students in various circumstances to benefit from teachers, as well as mothers and fathers, who understand how to foster *yearning* for God, not just learning about God – and to do so for *all ages* of youth, from pre-toddlers to the end of the teenage years. This series of workshops and associated training events makes this superlative methodology accessible, affordable, and adaptable for a *much broader range* of situations and locations, to reach far more children and families. These thorough and practical workshops will help you to:

- Deepen your sense of *wonder* at God's work in the child's heart from the earliest age.
- Grow in your *understanding* of human development and how to foster each child's capacity for God at every stage of that development.
- Increase your practical *skill* set for delivering the Gospel message to children in a concrete way that touches their hearts as well as their minds.

Whether you minister to children in your home, at school, in a parish, or some other setting, this track will help you to lead children in the great adventure of falling in love with God.

*Forming those who form others.*

*Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the Kingdom of Heaven.'*

MATTHEW 19:14



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*Please note that most of these workshops are still in development and are not yet available for use.*

## Foundation of Educating in Christ

1. Vision of Educating in Christ
2. Characteristics of Educating in Christ
3. A Proven Approach: Discovering the Founders
4. Please choose 3 of workshops in the **Teaching to the Developmental Stages** series:
  - Ages 0-3
  - Ages 3-6
  - Ages 6-9
  - Ages 9-12
  - Ages 12-18
5. Anthropology of Learning
6. Principles of Religious Education
7. Methodology I: Montessori Approach
8. Methodology II: Montessori Pedagogy for the Classroom
9. Practical Life Activities
10. Twelve Foundations: Essential Lessons for Getting Started
11. Introducing the Children to the Liturgy
12. Moral Formation and Moral Reasoning
13. Teaching How to Pray

## Keystone 1 | Hearing and Giving Christ

### Scripture

1. Introducing Children to the Scriptures
2. Teaching Typology, Parables, and Miracles
3. Sacred Scripture: The Big Picture
4. Introduction to the Old Testament
5. Introduction to the New Testament
6. Scripture: The Heart of Catechesis
7. Scripture: The Driving Force of Doctrine

### Methodology

1. Connecting Child Development with Catechetical Formation
2. Follow the Child + Loving the Difficult Child
3. Teaching for Conversion
4. Preparing Yourself and the Environment
5. Program Planning + Assessment: Using the Learning Journal
6. Contemporary Teaching Strategies
7. Preventive System of St. John Bosco
8. Ecclesial Method

## Keystone 2 | Believing and Worshiping in Christ

### Pillar I

1. The Father: Origin and Desire of All
2. The Sacramental Economy
3. The Human Person on God's Loving Plan
4. Teaching Salvation History
5. Teaching the Incarnation
6. Teaching the Paschal Mystery
7. The Church: Dispenser of the Mysteries and Guardian of the Deposit of Faith

### Pillar II

1. Sacramentality & Sequencing the Sacraments
2. The Purpose of the Sacred Liturgy
3. Mystagogy + Moments in the Liturgy
4. Teaching the Sacraments of Baptism & Confirmation
5. Teaching the Eucharist
6. Teaching the Sacraments at the Service of Healing
7. Teaching the Sacraments at the Service of Building Up the Kingdom

## Keystone 2 | Believing and Worshiping in Christ

### Pillar III

1. Universal Call to Holiness
2. Introduction to Objective Truth
3. Our Life in Christ: The Basics of Catholic Morality
4. Catholic Social Teaching
5. Domestic Church & School of Holiness
6. A Foundational Vision: Theology of the Body
7. Teaching Your Children About God's Plan for Sexuality

### Pillar IV

1. Holy Spirit: Converter of Hearts
2. Vocational Spirituality
3. Personal Spirituality and the Call to Holiness
4. Spirituality for Teachers and Parents
5. Lectio Divina + Praying with Icons
6. Introduction to Spiritual Combat
7. Being Guided and Guiding Souls