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### **Certification and Accreditation**

With the advent of Christian Montessori training comes many questions about accreditation, certification etc. To answer these questions and concerns we need to go back to the foundation of the movement. E.M. Standing, Montessori's biographer, states in the introduction to "The Child in the Church" that "Montessori was convinced that this new method was placed in her hands for the advancement of the Kingdom of God." Montessori education is more than a methodology and it is more than just a philosophy of education – it is a spiritual way of living worked out in an educational setting. Now having come to these conclusions – our work as Christians, our work as Montessorians is to advance the Kingdom of God. It is not about advancing Montessori education. It is about using this approach to advance the Kingdom of God. As some use music, some use art we use this wonderful way of learning and living to advance the Kingdom of God. As much as I am grateful for AMI, AMS etc for their great work over many years of keeping this fantastic way of learning alive and vital we don't share the same goal – advancing the kingdom of God. I wish them well but I wish God's kingdom better. And it is returning this way of learning to its spiritual foundation and inspiration that truly can bring peace to the world through children whose lives are transformed by the Prince of Peace. So with much trepidation (and a lot of future work) we have to create an accreditation and certification that honors these goals. As they say in the marriage vows – "not to be entered into lightly", we soberly contemplate the necessity of these next steps. E.M. Standing also records Dr. Montessori saying that "her own method could only find its fullest expression when applied to the teaching of the Catholic faith." We wish to exclude no one, nor create a competing system but we wish to honor the calling we have been given – to live out our spiritual life to its fullest expression in this wonderful way of learning. We intend to be thoroughly Montessori and deeply Christian.

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### **Christian Montessori Training Program**

Dates: June 22nd – 27th  
Location: San Antonio, TX  
HQ Hotel: The Crockett Hotel 1-800-292-1050  
Rate for single or double is \$122.59 (tax included) [www.crocketthotel.com](http://www.crocketthotel.com)

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### **Special offer for New Training Program**

We would like to make a special offer to the Christian Montessori community to attend the first Christian Montessori training. Tuition for the total Christian Montessori training program is \$3850. The first module – the six day philosophy section is \$1100. For those Montessorians who already have their training but would like to attend the philosophy orientation we are offering a special tuition of \$600. This may be the most significant investment you make into your career and vocation

Why should you consider attending?

1. You will hear Montessori presented like you've never heard it before.
2. You will hear it presented with the original inspiration from God's heart to Montessori's.
3. You will receive the delightful recognitions of this was the way it was meant to be.
4. You will receive breathtaking and eye-opening insights into how your Christian life and Montessori life are two parts of the same coin.
5. You will develop a new love for this wonderful way to live.
6. Your spirit will be renewed. Your enthusiasm will be rekindled.
7. "The advancement of the kingdom of God" will be sparked in your heart and fulfilled in your vocation.
8. You will have the most fulfilling experience intellectually, socially and spiritually for six days as you share with others a new understanding of this great passion.

This seminar will be a combination of the best memories of going to camp, of going on retreat, of learning something satisfying and of knowing how much God loves you to have placed you in a Montessori setting to live out your Christian life.

