

Dr. Sofia Cavalletti, was a Hebrew and Scripture scholar and member of the Vatican Commission for Jewish - Christian Relations, and her colleague, Professor Gianna Gobbi, a Montessori trained educator, began the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in 1954.

Dr. Cavalletti was asked by a mother to give her son some religious instruction. At first she refused (not having much to do with children in her academic world) but eventually she consented. This experience with the 7-year-old boy changed her whole life and began what we now know as the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Dr Cavalletti saw in that child and in numerous other children since, a way of being in the presence of God that is unique to the child and a gift to the adult who stops long enough to notice.