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CGSUSA ANNOUNCES START OF SKILLED VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Scottsdale, AZ, December 14, 2015 – The National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGSUSA) is pleased to announce a new initiative to meet its increasing growth as a nonprofit organization. This new initiative will match the skills and talents of experienced adults with the diverse needs of CGSUSA to build a stronger, more vibrant volunteer community in the service of the spiritual life of the child.

This summer, CGSUSA was awarded a grant from the Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust to participate in Experience Matters ACTIVE 8 Program. ACTIVE 8 (pronounced as “activate”) provides a roadmap to integrate the eight leading practices in Volunteer Engagement through a unique coaching model. A team of staff and board members has been meeting with an Experience Matters coach for three months and are now beginning the search for candidates for the following volunteer positions: (1) Volunteer Skilled Talent Coordinator, (2) Volunteer Information Technology (IT) Consultant, (3) Volunteer Development Associate, and (4) Volunteer Membership Consultant.

"The Active 8 process has been invaluable to CGSUSA. We now have a plan that will help us build critical infrastructure by recruiting skilled professionals who want to help CGSUSA nurture the spiritual development of children," said Patti Franz, CGSUSA Board Member. CGSUSA has seen a steady growth in the areas of membership, adult formation courses, publications and resources, as well as the number of children being served around the country. The skilled volunteer consultants will allow CGSUSA to better respond to the growing demand for its services.

"I am so impressed with the work of the Volunteer Engagement Team at CGSUSA. These team members are committed, quick learners and implementers. There is no doubt in my mind that they will be successful in engaging, training and retaining highly skilled project volunteers, who will have a measurable impact on their sacred work." Said Deborah Mainville-Knight, Active8 Coach and mentor.

The work of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is centered on nurturing the 3-to-12-year old child's relationship with God. Over the span of sixty years of careful and loving observation and study of children's spirituality, first by its founders, Dr. Sofia Cavalletti and Gianna Gobbi, and then by trained catechists around the globe, the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd has become a respected voice on the spiritual life of children.



If you would like to know more about these positions, review a job description or fill out an application, please visit The National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd website at www.cgsusa.org. In the coming months, additional volunteer positions will be advertised in the areas of social media, membership, marketing, newsletter publisher, branding and outreach and annual giving.

The photo is of Robert Egger, Founder of L.A. Kitchen and Strong Food, Mary Mirrione, National director of CGSUSA and Lattie F. Coor, chairman and CEO for the Center for the Future of Arizona