

## Barbara Matera



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd has been an important part of my life for over twenty years. It came to our parish – the first in our diocese – at a time when I felt a call to go deeper into my faith. That call would lead me to leave the practice of law, assume a leadership position at the parish coordinating CGS, complete a master’s degree in Religious Education, write about CGS for LTP publications, and become a CGS formation leader.

Three years ago, as I was concluding my time of parish work, I began serving on the board. Working closely with a dedicated board and a tirelessly

devoted staff, I have gained a new understanding of the international reach of this work and the many ways CGSUSA works to serve its members. It has been my great honor to serve as a CGSUSA board member for the past three years, and as board chair for the past two years.

As a new board member, I was assigned to “Governance” work; we recommended forming some new board committees and re-activating others. We soon found that this was a good way to involve more members in the work of our association. I have had the privilege of working with talented and committed members from around the country and from a variety of faith traditions while serving as chair of the Tina Lillig Memorial Fund Committee, the Orthodox Committee, and the Journal Committee. I am particularly thrilled that we have recently formed a Spanish Speaking Committee, with our newest board member, Katushka Olave, as chair.

There remains much work to do to care for and advance the legacy left to CGSUSA by Sofia and Gianna. If re-elected, I would be honored to continue my service on the board for an additional three-year term.

### **Barbara Matera**

Pittsburgh, PA

Saint John Neumann Roman Catholic Church

Works with children ages 3-12

Roman Catholic

#### Formation:

Level I, 1998, Pittsburgh, PA

Level II, 2007, Pittsburgh, PA

Level III, 2010, Pittsburgh, PA

Seminal Infant Toddler – Scottsdale, AZ 2018

Formation Leaders Course (Level I – 2012, 2016, Level II - 2011)

2018 Nominee to the CGSUSA Board of Trustees.