

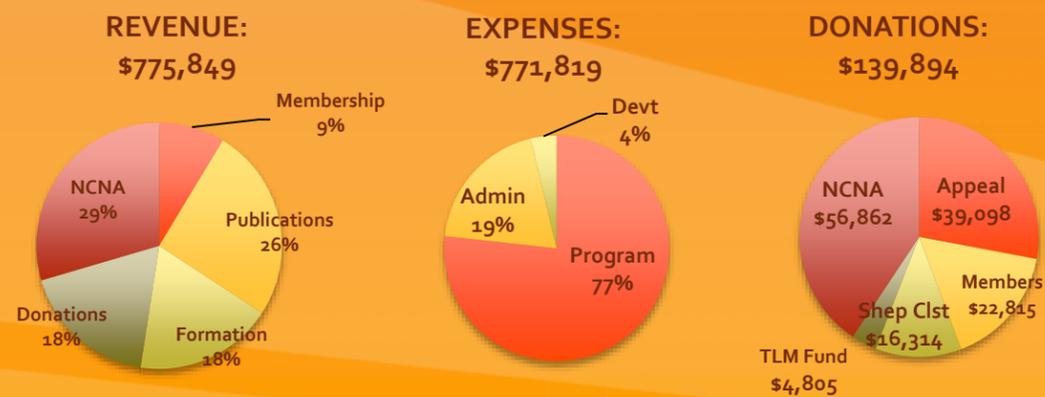


Mary Mirrione
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Greeting from the National Director

2014 was a year of celebration! We celebrated thirty years of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd working in the USA and sixty years in the world. We celebrated the sweet "hundred fold" fruit in the contemplation and enjoyment of the children with who we share a common religious experience. Our Association serves and supports this treasure. Our members come from across the country and around the world. We celebrated with the biggest event in our history. We gathered in the desert with 600 people from 22 countries. It is our hope that the joy of this event and the fruit that was shared will last for many years.

This report reflects the work of the National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for this very important year. We have seen a tremendous growth and have responded with new publications, new technology, new staff and events, and opened a new office in Scottsdale, Arizona. Much has happened as we seek to meet the needs of our members and all those who have discovered the religious potential of the child. Let us continue to sow the seeds of the Gospel in the hearts of the children and adults who seek to live the religious values of childhood. Let us continue to celebrate the abundant gift of our shared work and prayer. As we look back at the year that has passed, let us praise our Good Shepherd, celebrate the joy shared, learn from its challenges and opportunities, and look to the future with hope and confidence.



Please note: The 60th Anniversary Celebration (NCNA) contributed positively to our overall 2014 revenue, expenses and donations. It is expected that 2015 will more closely resemble 2013 run rates.

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And some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit. It came up and grew and yielded thirty, sixty, and a hundred fold.

Mark 4:8

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We praise you, Lord, for all your works are wonderful!

Ps. 75:1



A Year in Review

MEMBERSHIP

Our members support our purpose of assisting "the involvement of adults and children in a common religious experience in which the religious values of childhood predominate." In 2014 our membership grew to over 1500 as we invited all to REJOICE! REMAIN! RESPOND! Parent Newsletters were introduced and free access given to the online materials manuals for those members in formation. **CALL TO ACTION:** Grow our membership to *2015 in 2015!*



FORMATION

The Office of Formation works to support and assist formation leaders, catechists and other interested persons in "opening the eyes of the adult to the hidden riches of the child." In 2014 in addition to hosting the 60th Anniversary Celebration of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, in Phoenix, AZ., there were 95 formation courses. All in all, **1202 catechists** received formation in CGS; 34 existing and upcoming formation leaders participated in the Formation Leaders Training Course II and 5 new formation leaders were recognized.

DONATIONS

Raising money is always a challenge. For CGSUSA, this is especially true because our way of life is rooted in a spirit of poverty and essentiality. But as the Association has grown, so

has the number of projects in support of our members. How do we best ensure a stable future for the work of CGSUSA? How do we best invite a prayerful response of time, talent and treasure? How can we become more sustainable as a community? CGSUSA is deeply grateful to all those who made a financial gift in 2014 in support of this vital work. **CALL TO ACTION: Support our 2015 Annual Appeal!** Our goal is to raise **\$100,000** for operational support of CGSUSA. Help us find others to join us as members or donors. Consider a contribution to the Tina Lillig Memorial Fund, which provides scholarships/grants for catechists and supports our mission and vision.

SALUDOS A NUESTROS CATEQUISTAS DE HABLA ESPAÑOLA

A ti catequista hispana, te saludamos y te damos las mas expresivas gracias por tu apoyo a la CGSUSA. El grupo etnico de mas crecimiento en los EU es el nuestro y agradecemos tu gran colaboracion con nuestros niños hispanos. Sabemos que la CBP ofrece muchas herramientas para el desarrollo integral del niño. dentro de un ambiente a veces tan diverso. Si de alguna forma te podemos ayudar, escribemos. Queremos saber de ti. Puedes comunicarte a lourdesvazquez@cgsusa.org. Dios te bendiga!



Our mission is to support catechists, parents and others in the Church and beyond, as they grow in their understanding of the religious potential of children.