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The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd®

Questions to consider when forming a regional group

- What is the purpose of our group?
- What is the scope of our geographic region?
- Are there other regional groups in our region that could assist us as we begin?
- How do we network with other regional groups within our region?
- Will this be an informal or formal group?
- Will there be a more structured leadership of the group, or will there be less structured roles?
- Are there formation leaders in our area and what role will they have in the group?
- As a regional group, we will partner with CGSUSA. How can the United States Association (CGSUSA) support our group? How can our group support CGSUSA? What does this partnership look like?
- How frequently should we meet? Will our meetings be in person or via Zoom, or a hybrid?
- What are the needs of our region?
- What are our plans for the immediate future?
- What are our goals for the next 6, 12, 18, or 24 months?
- Where do we hope to be in five years?
- Will we create a website, Facebook page, etc. to communicate with catechists in our region?
- Will we establish expectations for our regional members? (*example: to attend gatherings, to serve on committees, to participate in on-going formation, to update your atrium and catechist information each year, etc.*)
- Others? Let us know what other questions you asked as you began your discussion that may benefit other catechists as they begin this process. Email Maryheinrich@cgsusa.org

"I believe it is friendship that supports and sustains our call, and keeps alive our longing for that perfect friendship of the Parousia."

-Tina Lillig (Life of the Catechist: The Necessity of Friendship for the Catechist, 2000 Journal)