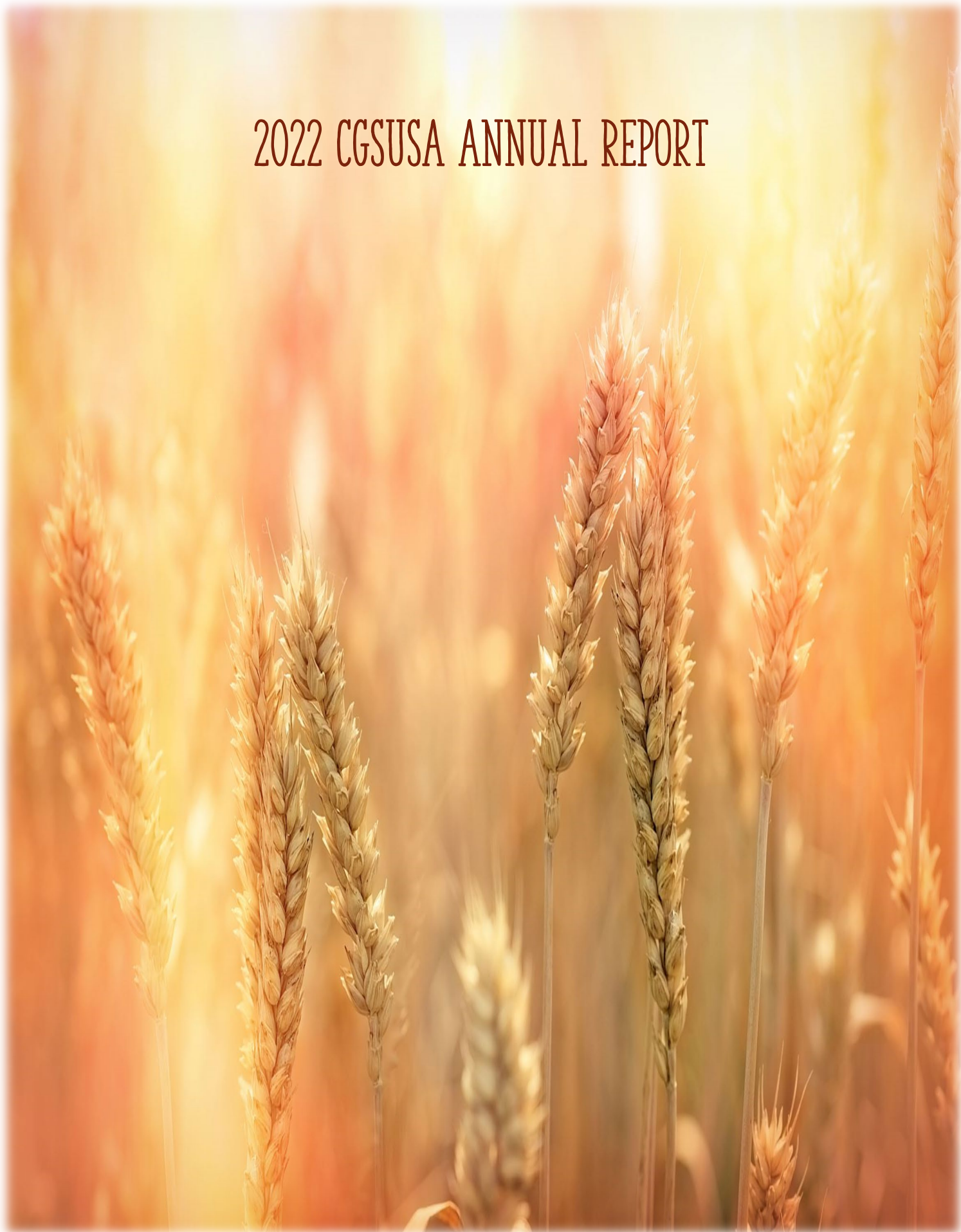


2022 CGSUSA ANNUAL REPORT



The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.

Mark 4:26-29



The United States Association of
The Catechesis of The Good Shepherd®

This report reflects the living out of our vision during the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2022. In some instances, to maintain continuity, events beyond the fiscal year have been included. We were incorporated in the State of Maryland on October 7, 1986, as The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Inc.

National Offices are located in Scottsdale, Arizona; Marietta, Georgia; Memphis, Tennessee; Urbandale, Iowa.

A ti catequista hispana, te saludamos y te damos las mas expresivas gracias por tu apoyo a la Asociacion Nacional de la Catequesis del Buen Pastor en los EU. 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 o 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 PURPOSE

CGSUSA's purpose, prepared in consultation with Sofia Cavalletti and Gianna Gobbi, is to assist the involvement of children and adults in a common religious experience in which the religious values of childhood, primarily those values of contemplation and enjoyment of God, are predominant.

OUR MISSION

CGSUSA's 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

OUR VISION

WE will work to make the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and the writings of Sofia Cavalletti and Gianna Gobbi accessible to all.

Recognizing the need for clear and available communications, we will avail itself of written, voice and visual electronic media to maintain contact with catechists and others.

We will provide formation in accordance with the work of Sofia Cavalletti and Gianna Gobbi, through the provision of a discernment process and training for formation leaders, offering regular retreats and conferences and the use of approved formation leaders' handbooks. In addition to current sites, courses in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will be held in colleges, universities, and seminaries across the United States.

We will support the work of the International Council and work in harmony with it.

Material changes and new materials as recommended by the International Council will be translated and distributed to formation leaders and catechists through the National Association. We will provide a manual at each level with accurate and most excellent plans and schematics for constructing atrium materials.

Regional groups will be encouraged in every part of the nation.

We will establish and maintain links with diocese and denominations represented by the membership and other formation and educational groups. The National Association will provide help and resources to assist catechists in adapting this work to the liturgy of their denominations.

We will establish and maintain historical archives of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, making them accessible to members.



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



As I ponder the parable of the growing seed in Mark's gospel, I give glory to God for our growth this past year. The results are far more than we can take credit for despite the diligent work of the staff, the care of the board, and the generosity of our members and donors. It is also a year of growing pains as the staff returns to working with in person courses while continuing to provide resources first developed during Covid to support parents and catechists at home.

This past year we supported parents in the home with parent pages in English and Spanish, supported catechists with online study days and in person formation courses, and supported anyone interested in the spiritual life of children with publications and The Good Shepherd and the Child Podcast. We've made plans and put together a budget that will allow us to sponsor three Spanish language courses in the

hope of developing future Spanish speaking formation leaders. We've applied for and received grants to further explore our understanding of the spiritual life of children under the age of three and to develop new ways in accordance with our method to serve their spiritual life.

We've had some difficult conversations too, about how we can telegraph welcome to those who are on the margins as we believe that everyone belongs. Recently I read about the changing climate that referred to diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging. I think I've been waiting a long time to hear belonging on that list because we know we are one body in Christ, one family. We've also heard about a decrease in church attendance across denominations. As our membership continues to increase, we hope to participate in turning this trend around by sharing what we know about the religious needs and capacities of children and by working together.

This report will tell you more about the numbers and statistics that made up our year and more about the work that we continue to do. It may not fully convey the joy we felt as we moved from having a six-month budget with scenarios for crisis management to our regular yearly budget. We conducted an audit in order to be more accountable to you regarding our financial management and business practices

There are many relationships we celebrate this year. Our relationship with God, our relationship with the children we serve, and our relationship with each of you. Nothing adequately conveys our gratitude to our members and donors who continue to make our work possible. Our mission is to support parents, catechists, and others in the church and beyond, as they grow in their understanding of the religious potential of children. We continue to listen to the Word of God, like this parable of the growing seed, children and adults together. We also continue to listen to the children, for Jesus told us the Kingdom of God belongs to such as they.

In the love of the Good Shepherd,

Sue Stuhlsatz-Reese

President CGSUSA Board of Trustees

susansr@cgsusa.org



A MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR



Each year as we prepare the annual report for this association, the staff prayerfully take a listening stance before our Good Shepherd. This year, the Growing Seed parable presented itself to us to ponder as we looked back at the past year. In this parable, the emphasis is not really on the Sower or on the seed but on the current germination and growth of this seed until a harvest is realized. This year, we have lived this parable in many ways and are happy to share with you the good news of the past year!

This year, we were faithful to always keep a Kingdom perspective to the mission, purpose and vision, whether it was in responding to the many questions and requests for help we receive from around the country, preparing for our many events and sharing resources or even in the financial stewardship of CGSUSA. We scattered seeds and night and day, and we let them grow.

And we trusted that the “seed” of the work we do with children which is to announce the voice of the Good Shepherd in the hearts of the children would do its work. We had confidence in the growth of the “seed.” The children have taught us this again and again! This year many things below the surface where we could not see were at work. Regional groups came together, Formation leaders continued their ongoing study and commitment together, those who sought scholarships and grants found support. We witnessed the blade come growing out of the ground here and there around the country. We learned that we must leave room for God to work, and this can be challenging! Yet we know that the seed sprouting and growing is God’s work, not ours.

Night and day, asleep or awake, even when we did not understand how it happened it grew. We did the ordinary things that we share in this annual report. We responded, we wrote reports, we visited with many, we were advocates for the religious lives of the children whenever and wherever we could be! All the while knowing that some of the seed we planted fell on good ground and God caused it to grow abundantly.

In all of our work this past year, we were humble. In the parable, even though the farmer plays a major part in growth of the crop because he plants the seed, he is okay with not understanding everything. It has built in power to do what only it can do. That’s how God designed it. We were patient. We trusted. We were faithful to do the necessary work. This is always an education to humility! And we continued to learn from the children to be joyful. Perhaps this is the most important. When the harvest comes, we get to enjoy it! We planted and let God’s power do its work and we all enjoy the “harvest” of the year. A year of continued blessings from our beloved Good Shepherd knowing that’s what the kingdom of God is like!

In His Love,

Mary Mirrione

National Director

marymirrione@cgsusa.org



CGS FORMATION HIGHLIGHTS



The Association will provide formation in accord with the work of Sofia Cavalletti and Gianna Gobbi, through the provision of a discernment process and training for formation leaders, offering regular retreats and conferences and the use of approved formation leader's handbooks.

CGSUSA is privileged to sustain and advance the legacy of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in the United States through catechist formation. The Association serves as THE resource to the CGS community by forming both catechists and formation leaders in this method. We also offer guidance to catechists, as well as church and school leadership in creating and maintaining atrium environments that nurture the religious life of children.

In the past year we have seen a full recovery of CGS catechist formation starting or resuming, and inquiries from churches and schools seeking formation leaders to lead CGS formation. Course registrations continue to increase! We have anywhere from 180-260

courses registered with our association at any given time.

From July 2021 to June 2022 we:

- Sponsored the third Level I Study Group. This was held online from July to August 2021 with 57 formation leaders from around the U.S. and including 5 from Canada and 8 from Australia. This was for those who could not participate in the Level I Study Group held in the summer of 2020.
- Sponsored the Level II Study Group from September – November 2021 for 56 Level II Formation Leaders. Team: Anna Hurdle, Marty O'Bryan, Lynne Worthington, Mary Heinrich, and Karen Maxwell. In addition to those attending from the United States we had formation leaders from Canada, Ireland, Norway, Australia, and Slovenia attend as well.
- Sponsored two Orientation Sessions for the Year 1 I Am the Good Shepherd book series, October 20 and 27 and two Orientation Sessions for the Year 2 I Am the Good Shepherd book series, November 10 and 17 for those who had purchased the books as part of our pilot.
- In collaboration with the Membership Coordinator and Committee, facilitated the Catechist Study Day, November 5, 2021, for CGSUSA catechist members.
- Hosted the Level III Formation Leader Pilot Study Group, February 9-13, 2022, in Atlanta.
- Sponsored the Infant- Toddler Catechist Formation Part 2 in Scottsdale, AZ in April 2022 led by Elizabeth Calanchini.
- Sponsored Levels II and III Catechist Formation ins Rapid City, South Dakota, June 14-23, 2022. Part 2 will be June 13-22, 2023. Level II is co-led by Marty O'Bryan and Diane Olsen. Level III is co-led by Marilee Quinn and Julie Baltuska.



For Fiscal Year 2021–2022 we registered a record high of 223 courses and have awarded 2316 Certificates which is almost a 50% increase over the previous year.

Catechist formation is most often given in a weekly intensive format although we have many courses offered in a monthly format. A majority of courses are Level I courses (144 as of July 2022) followed by Level II (43 courses) and then Level III (17 courses). We continue also to offer Infant-Toddler seminal catechist formation.



While most of our over 200 formation leaders lead courses in the United States, we also work with CGSUSA formation leaders who are invited to serve courses internationally. As a member of the International Council, CGSUSA provides certificates in languages for courses held in countries where a CGS Association has not been established yet and where CGSUSA formation leaders lead those courses.

The Formation Leader Discernment Process prayerfully seeks to determine a catechist's readiness to serve as a CGSUSA formation leader. In Fiscal Year 2021–22, the Formation Leader Discernment Committee recognized 11 Formation Leaders. We continually and happily respond to a wide range of inquiries and concerns regarding CGS catechist formation.

Serving with me in the Office of Formation is Debbie Dobson, Course Registrar,

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Maxwell,

Director of Formation,

karenmaxwell@cgsusa.org



THE RHYTHM AND GROWTH OF MEMBERSHIP



In the parable of the growing seed, there is a rhythm to life in the field and a pattern in the life of the farmer. Whether the farmer sleeps or is awake, the seed continues to grow. Within this ordinary yet awesome sequence, we discover the mystery of the kingdom of God. This growth and transformation are a slow process. Sofia writes: The rhythm of nature is not accelerated; the four seasons still fill the whole year.

We experience a rhythm in our life in the atrium with the child. We proclaim and listen to God's Word. We witness the kingdom as we observe the child at work with the material and their spoken prayer responses and artwork. This growth and transformation are a slow process. Sofia reminds us: But in order for the "simple" to unfold its secrets to us, we must have time. A quick glance is not enough to see the mystery.

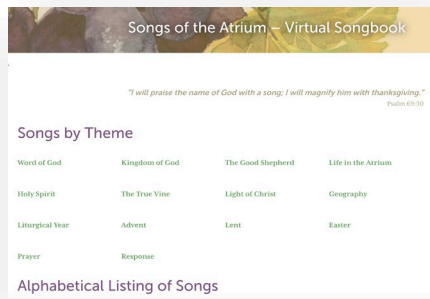
There is a rhythm and harmony to our work, and to living the liturgical year and the paschal mystery. It is in the liturgical cycle of the Church where we dwell and find nourishment, this is what we seek to live with the child. The membership office has had tremendous response to the resources that correspond with the life of the Church. Two new endeavors include the Membership Minute video and the Songs of the Atrium.

The Membership Minute Video

In the fall of 2021, CGSUSA began to offer a regular Membership Minute video in both our monthly newsletters, the Member Memo and In the Meadow. In these videos, a staff member, a vendor, or a formation leader shared how the gift of this work has impacted their own life and work. The topics range from simply introducing our staff, our vendors, and their respective environments; revisiting the Annual Journal; seasonal reflections; and discussing topics pertinent to the work of the catechist. Future topics will include material making hints, and messages from staff, vendors, and formation leaders, so that we may go deeper into those themes from our formation courses and our core text.



The Songs of the Atrium



Music is an important part of the life and rhythm of the atrium. We know that the songs in the atrium are an indirect aid to prayer, music helps to expand the child's prayer language, nurtures the child's capacity to respond more fully to God. Songs shared in the atrium allow the child to respond to the kerygma. The virtual songbook available on our website continues to grow. The Songs of the Atrium page includes videos (and audio recordings) of songs, sung by our catechists. Members will find songs listed alphabetically and by theme. In the next year we hope to expand our offerings to include more songs in Spanish.



Our Vendor Members



CGSUSA Vendor Organization members are organizations, companies, or individuals who create and sell goods - either for profit or not for profit in nature - and who support the purpose, mission, and vision of

CGSUSA and the catechists in preparing Atrium materials for the child. It is important that any material being offered meet the guidelines of CGSUSA and the CGS International Council (Consiglio) so each Vendor Member have gone through a discernment process and have been formally recognized as vendors our members can trust. Vendor Members of CGSUSA are an important part of our CGSUSA members' ministry with children. They are in close relationship with CGSUSA and have submitted their products for review. Additionally, these vendors also have ongoing partnerships with recognized formation leaders to ensure continued adherence to the design standards set forth in the material manuals and approved by the Consiglio.

Our Growth

As we speak with our members from around the United States and beyond, we delight in hearing stories from the atrium and how the adult and the child share in their contemplation and enjoyment of God. While growth and transformation are a slow process, and this is a slow work, we are grateful for the growth we see in our membership. The number of members in our Association has increased by 19.5% in the last year, growing to over 3,670 members. Over 65% of our members create or renew their membership using the auto renewal process. We have also seen an increase in regional associations forming, and networks being established.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Heinrich,
Membership Coordinator,
maryheinrich@cgsusa.org

I have been a member of CGSUSA since 2018. The connection to other catechists, worldwide, is invaluable. Reading the Foglietti has become one of my favorite aspects of membership. Without having ever met these other catechists or children, I feel deeply united with them. As a catechist and a grandmother, I am filled with joy when I read of their experiences and am all the more inspired and encouraged in this work. In addition, The Annual Journal mailed to my house has provided on-going personal formation and study. It is a delight to read and share this publication with others who are unfamiliar with CGS. Having access to the catechist directory is another great gift of membership. I've been able to contact catechists for observation opportunities for friends and family in other states. Each time I reach out to a catechist it's like talking to a good friend I've known for years. To be able to connect, share and encourage, aware of being in the presence of God - that is a precious pearl. And then there's the Zoom retreats...to see so many faces from across the globe- to pray, share, and be together in that way is beautiful.

As a member I also look forward to each monthly 'Member Memos' email. They always provide quick access links to useful information such as the Parent Page Newsletters, consent forms, Songs of the Atrium, new publication and Atria items, podcasts, upcoming events, previews of upcoming Journals and more. And of course, the annual packet of precious mustard seeds in the mailbox...

Colleen Smith Des Moines, Iowa



A Few Words from our Vendor Members:

The Catechist's Husband



I would like to thank the national association for setting up the vendor membership/program. Based on the last year's sales number it has been a great success. And as someone who makes the majority of my income from this program, I am eternally grateful. But I think there is a more important reason to support this program, I believe it is critical to support that organization and the people in it. This program has created a more "formal"

system for vendors, not just to sell materials, but also to support the organization. It has also given members more confidence in what they are going to receive. Not just that it will be of good quality, but also meet the needs of the Catechists and children. When setting up a new atrium, it can be overwhelming, and this can help give those new Catechists confidence that they can find their materials and set up the program. I would like to thank the organization for setting up this program and allowing me to be a part of it.

Don Martin, thecatechistshusband.com

Faith Expressions - I

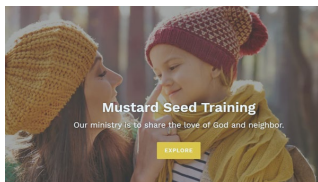


was introduced to the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 26 years ago. Right away I knew this was a work I could support. I was a Catechist, Storyteller, Clay Artist, Wife and Mother. Like so many this approach of faith formation touched my soul. After becoming a Catechist for CGS I found that figurine making was one of the most difficult things for many atriums. I began making figurines out of high fire clay. I had never wanted to create molds of my sculpting; my work was always one of a kind. But after one summer

with orders for 365 figurines in clay, I realized I wouldn't have hands left if I continued to support CGS with my work as a sculptor. So, we made molds and began casting the figurines in unbreakable resin. I sold thousands of them all over the country and donated many to poorer countries as well. Because catechists need to put their own signature on them, we make them ready to paint. I offer instructions for painting, but I am always pleased to see photos of how they are painted by others. One of the highlights of my life are to have been able to provide small hands with these figurines that help them in their journey of faith and discovery of God's love.

Marianne Heames, www.faith-expressions.com

Mustard Seed Training -



Vendor membership in CGSUSA has been a valuable partnership for our artisan group. Most importantly, we are honored to support this ministry. Second, we have the assurance of the Association's review so we can differentiate our official CGS materials from our originals. Even the requirement of business insurance has been valuable for peace of mind.

Lisa Kelley's advice helped us expand our shipping to international catechists. We have made back the annual cost of insurance and membership through increased referrals from the CGSUSA Vendor page and especially sponsoring an episode of the wonderful Good Shepherd and the Child podcast.

Meagen Farrell, - www.mustseed.org

Masters Wood Works -. Since becoming a Vendor Member my orders have gone through the roof. In 2021 I received 61 orders, most to which came in the second half of the year due to the Covid Pandemic. This year (2022), I have already received 48 orders, most of which were for multiple items. Many of these orders were made even though I had placed an alert on my website letting members know that deliveries would be from 2 months earlier in the year to 6 months currently. While I don't work 8 hours a day every day, I am in my wood shop working 7 days a week. Joining CGS with a vendor has been a boon for me. Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of CGS community.

Joe Masters, - masterswoodworks.com/



RESOURCES FROM OUR ESTORE

The United States Association will work to make the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and the writings of Sofia Cavalletti and Gianna Gobbi accessible to all.



“Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows,” The farmer begins his work with a small seed. We begin building our atria with a few wooden pieces, some fabric, and some small seeds. In the CGSUSA eStore, we began with only a few simple products, and each year we continue to grow and we are grateful to our members for their support.

The CGSUSA eStore provides 91 publications including books and brochures in English and Spanish, raw materials, and unfinished resources for the Atrium. Members will also find those items that seem to be more challenging to find or not as readily available, such as practical life sets, brass items for the Altar work, and Good Shepherd statues from Rome.



We have grown to offer 200 items in the Shepherd’s Closet, our newest additions include a beautiful white Baptismal garment, the scent of chrism, the Level III Gifts, and a variety of gifts for the catechist and the child.

The eStore staff and volunteers are true blessings to our association . Our staff includes Christine, Ernie and Megan. They are part-time staff whose work includes shipping, making materials, and stocking the eStore. We also have several wonderful volunteers to help with materials and prepping items for the Shepherd’s Closet.

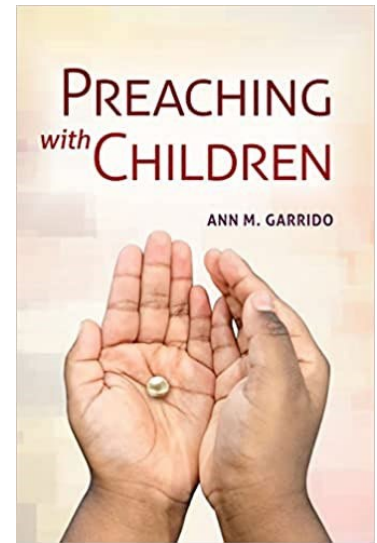




This year we introduced some of our publications that are available as eBooks, and Religious Potential of the Child, 3rd edition, is now available as an audiobook. Ann Garrido's newest book Preaching with Children arrived this year along with several other publications.

Shepherd's Closet began as a small seed in a garage, providing materials for catechists. As time has passed and it merged with Good Shepherd Publications, this little seed has sprouted and grown to serve more catechists, churches, and schools than ever. Our place where this seed flourishes is small but mighty. What once was a once a week shipping event and using one cart to hold the outgoing packages it has grown to shipping 4 days a

week with most days having 2 full carts of packages. There are a few more staff but we still manage to stay personable with every order, phone call or email we receive. Our customers have a face, a name and are our friends, this is something we treasure.



Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kelley
lisakelley@cgsusa.org
 Store Manager

With Megan Kelley, Chris Wisniewski and Ernie Mc Cormack



MEDIA

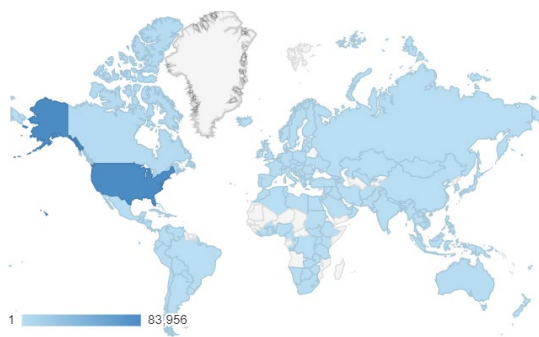
Recognizing the need for clear and available communications, the United States Association will avail itself of written, voice and visual electronic media to maintain contact with catechists and others.

A Look Back

For over ten years, CGSUSA.ORG has been the digital home and gathering place for catechists, religious leaders, parents, caregivers, and others seeking to know more about The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. When CGSUSA began scattering the seed of this endeavor in 2009-2010, today's website might seem like grain growing ripe. Then, features like the online materials manuals were planned improvements for the future, and today three levels of the materials manuals are among the most accessed member resources. The 30,000 site visitors welcomed in that first year are treasured stalks grown by more than 350% to over 130,000 visitors in the past year. In the past year, we've begun scattering seeds for a future CGSUSA.ORG we cannot yet envision in full bloom.

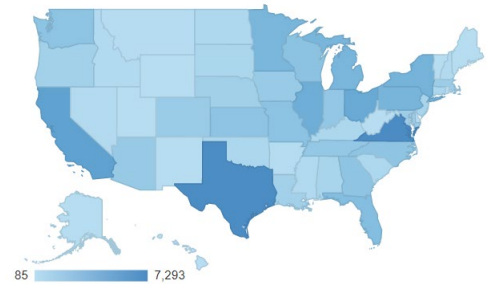
The Year in Review

In 2021-2022, CGSUSA.ORG introduced a new members homepage to provide more intuitive access for our most frequent site guests. We created the structure for the new Virtual Songbook for CGSUSA members and helped restructure several other areas of the website. We added new pages and forms to CGSUSA.ORG to improve the delivery of programs, resources, and documentation. We continue to work to improve navigation and search functionality on the website as we work to craft the most intuitive and reliable digital home possible. Our site hosts visitors from around the United States and around the world. 88% of site visitors are based in the United States. Canada, Singapore, the United Kingdom, Australia, and Malaysia comprise the top five international locations, and 100 countries host five or more annual visitors to CGSUSA.ORG. Visitors



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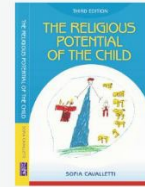
states and the District of Columbia have accessed CGSUSA.ORG this year, and Virginia, Texas, California, Ohio, and Illinois have been home to the greatest number of visitors. We remain committed to providing excellent member and visitor support. To this end, the CGSUSA staff has reallocated responsibilities and updated internal tools to help as quickly and efficiently as possible in our current environment. We continue to nurture and refine this approach as we improve the CGSUSA tools and systems.





The Good Shepherd and the Child podcast, hosted by Kerri Mecke-Lozano, continues in its second season with 25 new episodes. The podcast has been downloaded over 51,000 times this year, a 45% increase over last year! CGSUSA has also created two new Podbean Premium channels available for purchase. One channel provides access to the audiobook of The

The Religious Potential of the Child



Written by
Sofia Cavalletti

Read by
Rebekah Rojcewicz

Religious Potential of the Child, which Rebekah Rojcewicz reads, and the other holds all the 2014 International Gathering recorded talks. We hope the variety of podcast guests and topics continues to reach new audiences. We thank our podcast guests and all those who continue to listen and share this message.

Preparing for the Year to Come

We have spent much of 2021-2022 evaluating our current and future needs to build the best possible foundation for the future of CGSUSA.ORG and other systems. Throughout 2022-2023, CGSUSA will undertake several improvement projects to build a foundation for growth for the next three-to-five years. These projects are all intended to improve the member and visitor experience with CGSUSA, improve staff effectiveness and efficiency, and reduce reliance on manual processes. The staff and board of CGSUSA faithfully assess and adapt strategic plans for the website and all internal systems and choose seeds to scatter. We hope these seeds will bear much fruit in the months and years to come.

Respectfully submitted,



Elizabeth Warfield



Kerri Mecke-Lozano



and Jennifer Waggoner

Media Team cgs@cgsusa.org

STEWARDSHIP OF THE CGS GIFT

Sustaining and advancing the legacy in a financially sustainable way.

Little did we know, that as we navigated thru 2 years of crisis scenarios, the seed planting that was taking place at that time, would sprout into a time of harvest. There are many days in which a planted seed is covered with soil, and whether we are washing our dishes or sleeping, the wee little seed sprouts and grows. The spiritual fruition that comes from the study groups, the podcasts, online events, the love and care from our members and donors on this soil and abroad has been breathtaking to observe. Courses “in person” have sprung up with so many “newbies” joining the CGSUSA community, “Word” of mouth being a catalyst for seed planting.



To God be the glory, for it is He and only He that “makes things grow”. (1 Cor: 3:7).

The vision of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (it’s staff, officers and members) continues to expand, balancing taking care of business and tending to His sheep. The Association received its first audit since 2014. We received a clean (unqualified) opinion, and the auditors identified no material weaknesses or significant deficiencies.

All nonprofits are managing their funding carefully as the post-COVID funding wanes – CGSUSA is no different. To cover the post-COVID funding gap, the Association has applied for and received new grants, including a 50K and a \$1M from the Lilly Endowment, and will be investing those funds until they are used to earn interest income.

It is my privilege to work with so many whose defined purpose in life is to nurture the religious potential of the child. I humbly thank you for the opportunity.

In His love and peace,

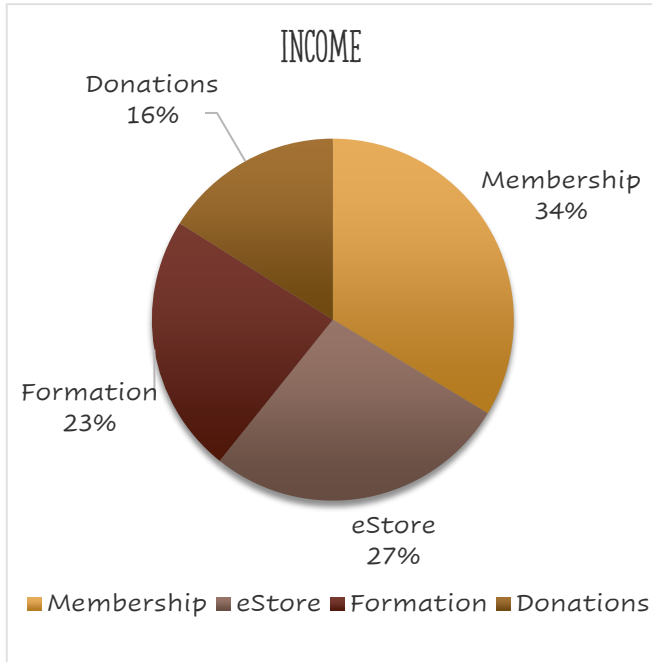
Molly Murphy
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With grateful thanks to our members, donors, store customers and those who share their time, talent, and treasure with us, helping us to continue to live out our mission and purpose.



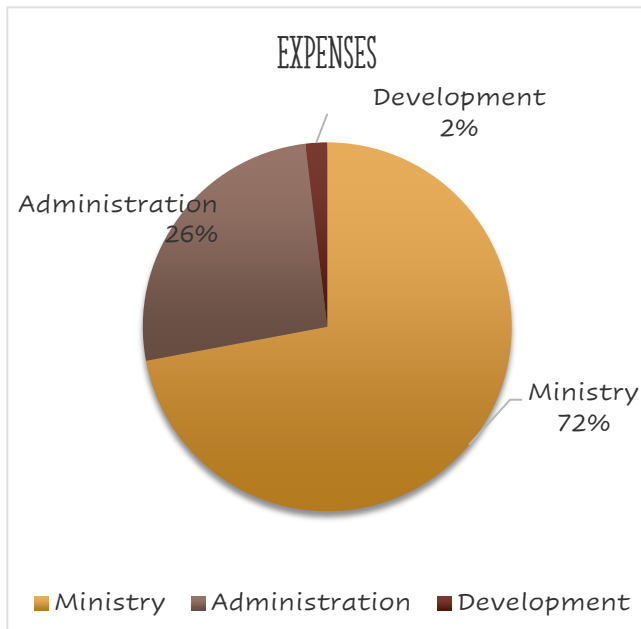
CLOSING BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30, 2022



PROFIT & LOSS JULY 2021 - JUNE 2022
TOTAL REVENUE \$ 781,743.63

ASSETS

Total Checking/Savings:	\$ 496,552.00
Total Accounts Payable:	\$ 5505.00
Beneficial interest in assets held by OPRFCF:	\$101,570.00
Inventory:	\$100,694.00
Equipment, net	\$42,732.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 997,784.00

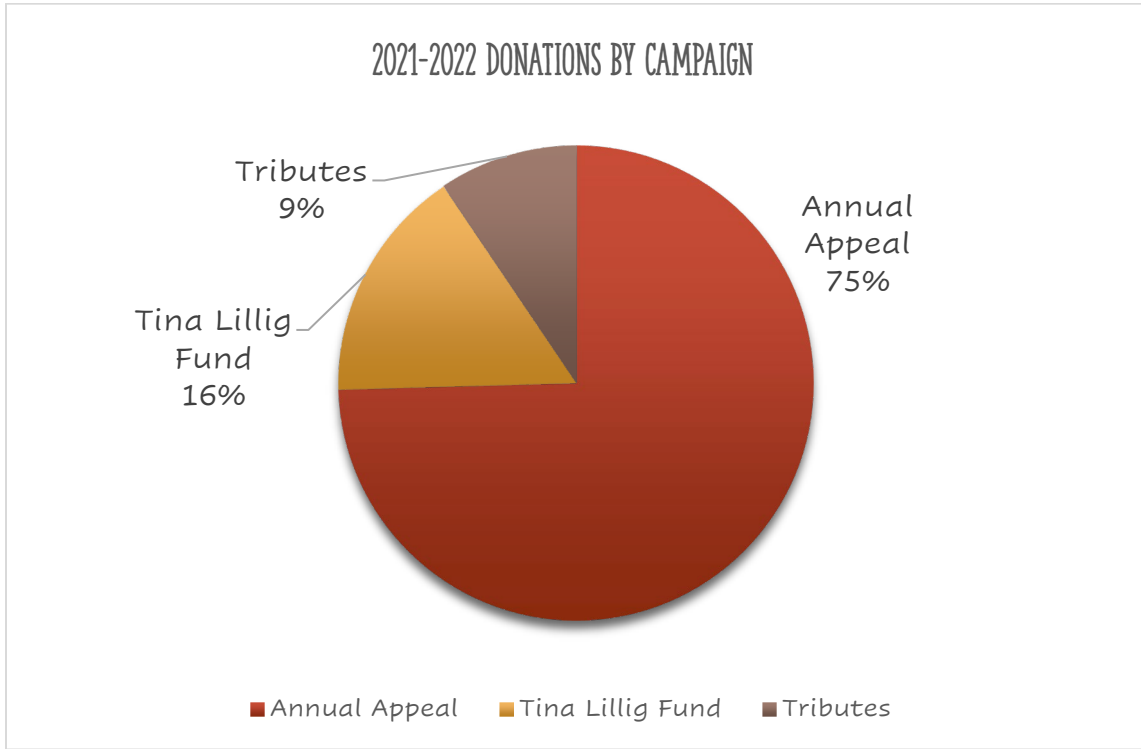


PROFIT & LOSS JULY 2021 - JUNE 2022
TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 682,091.48

LIABILITES

Total Accounts Payable	\$44,461
Accrued payroll	\$4,937
Accrued vacation	\$11,477
Deferred revenue	\$98,355
Total Liabilities	\$159,230
TOTAL LIABILITES	\$ 159,230

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412 Donors

687 Total Gifts

\$157,474.00 Donations Raised

\$230 Average Gift

RESPONSE TO THE GIFT

As the Association has grown, so has the number of projects in support of our members. For any nonprofit organization, raising money is a challenge. For us, this is especially true because our way of life is rooted in a spirit of poverty and essentiality. Therefore, 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? While we have a number of possibilities, the three primary ways are through the Annual Appeal, the Tina Lillig Memorial Fund, and by Major Gift donations by those with the capacity and heart for the child.

Annual Appeal Each year we send out a call for support of our mission. Gifts to the Annual Appeal provide vital operating support and help to sustain and grow our Formation, Publications and Membership plans.

The Tina Lillig Memorial Fund (TLM) was created to support the growth and development of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd through catechist formation, missionary outreach, and the work of CGSUSA.

Major Gifts

Cash: CGSUSA is grateful for any gift, large or small, that supports the work of nurturing the child's relationship with God. Donations in the form of recurring gifts or multi-year pledges help us to plan responsibly. Donors have the option to create monthly, quarterly, or annual giving schedules.

Appreciated Stock makes an excellent charitable gift. Under current tax laws, when an appreciated asset (such as stock) is sold, a capital gains tax is due. By making a charitable gift of the appreciated stock, you can avoid or delay the capital gains tax. You can also take an immediate income tax deduction for the current fair market value of the stock, no matter what was originally paid for it.

Legacy Gifts: A bequest through your will or trust is one of the most simple and popular ways to make a gift that will live on after you. You can make a gift bequest to benefit CGSUSA by providing a dollar amount, specific property, or a percentage of your estate, either designated or undesignated. A Legacy Gift can reduce your estate taxes. In many cases, a simple change to your will can add this bequest and does not require rewriting your most recent will.

Life Insurance is another simple way to make a substantial future gift at a level that might not be possible for a straight cash donation. Name CGSUSA as the owner and beneficiary to receive the proceeds of an existing life insurance policy. You will receive a tax deduction for the approximate cash surrender value, thereby reducing your tax liability in the year of the gift.



LOVING TRIBUTES OFFERED

Tribute gifts are a unique way to celebrate, honor, and remember those people who make a difference as well as the occasions that matter. This year, *in memory* of those who have died, many gave gifts to their lasting legacy. And many recognized and offered gifts *in honor* of their family, special friends, catechists or formation leaders, a wedding, anniversary, birthday, or retirement. These personalized tribute gifts sustain CGSUSA and our mission to support catechists, parents, and others in the Church and beyond, as they grow in their understanding of the religious potential of children. Your gift is a thoughtful and essential way to show you care while making a difference in the religious life of children, their families, and communities. We send a personalized card acknowledging your thoughtful donation to the recipient of your choice. Each card features artwork by a child in CGS. These cards make wonderful holiday, birthday, baby shower, or celebration gifts. Unlike traditional gifts, a tribute card has a profound impact. It shows not only that you care about your recipients but also that you are actively participating in CGSUSA's mission.

THIS YEAR THE FOLLOWING TRIBUTES

WERE OFFERED "IN HONOR OF"

Avis Bogumill	Beate Buescher	Autumn Domingue	Kathy Gourgues
Micki Hill	Cecilia Iole	Cathy Johanni	Mary and Kurt Heinrich
Lorraine Johnson	Betty Marsh	Sherry Mock	Mother Judith Malionek
Connie Moretti	James Meyer	John Meyer	Rachael Myers
Claudia Peturrson	Ruth Scheef	Lynne Shioyama	Maria Lourdes Muscado
Adriel Slaughter	Daniel Teller	Joann Terranova	Donna Turner
Kim Ward	Lynne Worthington	St Therese, Mooresville NC Adult volunteers	

The Children of the World



THIS YEAR THE FOLLOWING TRIBUTES WERE OFFERED "IN MEMORY OF"

Fr. Chris Aridas	Talitha Barker	Cheryl Bastyr	Margaret Brennan
Sr. Joan Burns SBS	Jeri Carmichael	Anne Cerutti	Robert Chance
Maureen Colasanti	Dennis Cusack	Pietro Del Pizzo	Kent Drake, Jr.
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Dennis McCarthy	Marie McGaffin	Joseph Mrazik	Gwynth Morgan
Robert Osborne	Thomas Padgett	J W Pieper	John Ellis Ragland
Ethel Schumacker	Edna Rae Schilling	Judy Schmidt	Evangeline Sobczyk
Joan Speltz	Helen Taneri	Mary Teller	Charlene Trochta
Terri" Taryn Brown Sills	Al Wills	Anthony Wills	Atton Wills
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	Rejoice Fiat-Marie Manley	Josephine Mrazik	

The Atrium at St Edward the Confessor Episcopal, MN, (Atrium closed, but not forgotten).



OUR BELOVED DONORS

As a nonprofit organization, CGSUSA relies on the generosity of donors who have both the heart and capacity to support its mission. Historically, most of our donors have been the catechists and formation leaders themselves. In falling in love with the work, they finance their formation, the purchase of books, the making of materials, and opening atria, and then additionally, they join as a member and support the Annual Appeal. CGSUSA does not seek growth for growth's sake. It seeks growth in its community to respond to the organic growth for CGS. Those who share CGSUSA's passion for nurturing the child's relationship with God but who do not feel called to serve as catechists top a long list of beneficiaries of the work that CGSUSA seeks to cultivate.

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2022/23 ANNUAL APPEAL



Clare, age 7 – St. Mary Catholic Church, Delaware, OH

Clare drew her artwork after receiving her first presentation of the Mustard Seed Parable, proclaiming, “I believe a tiny seed can grow into the Kingdom of God.”

Clare’s glorious announcement jumps off the page, as her understanding of the kingdom bursts forth from a tiny seed into a towering image of the kingdom! What a gift Clare gives us. Her artwork invites us into her heart, witnessing to her understanding of this marvelous work of God.

It is in moments like these, that we are convinced, yet again, of the value of our work – preparing a place for children to encounter the living God. In their profound and innocent generosity, they enrich us with their proclamation of Our Good Shepherd’s Love. We hope and pray that this year, you will enrich us with your gift to the 2022 – 2023 CGSUSA Annual Appeal as we grow the Kingdom with Clare and all the children of the atrium!

Thank you always for your support.

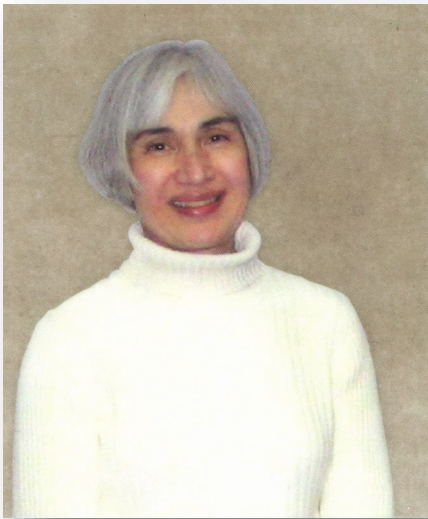
In Our Good Shepherd’s Love,

Claudia Pétursson,

CGSUSA Board Member and Annual Appeal Chair



THE TINA LILLIG MEMORIAL FUND



The mission of the Tina Lillig Memorial Fund is to support the growth and development of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd through catechist formation, missionary outreach, and the work of the United States Association of The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGSUSA).

To these ends, the Tina Lillig Memorial Fund offers a source of **financial aid (in the form of partial scholarships)** to applicants who would find paying the full tuition of a course to be a hardship.

The Tina Lillig Memorial Fund is a source of **grants** for missionary outreach to organizations working to open arias in underserved regions of the United States.

The Tina Lillig Memorial Fund also **supports the purpose, mission and vision of the National Association** through direct support to the Association. Monies for financial aid and grant awards come from direct donations to the Tina Lillig Memorial Fund from members of the United States Association of The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGSUSA) and others who are interested in supporting this aspect of the work.

Over \$165,000 has been distributed since the inception of this fund in 2002. Seventy-five catechists have been supported in their formation with the average award of \$250. More than eighty-five communities have been supported with grants for courses and materials.

This past year the TLM Fund supported the CGSUSA Vision by providing translation services, publication, and an orientation workshop for the new *I am the Good Shepherd* book series.

When you make a gift to the Tina Lillig Memorial Fund, you affirm with us that the greatest gift we can offer children is the time and space to enjoy a relationship with God.

Do you or your community need financial support?

Apply to the TLM Fund!

Beyond our standard scholarship program, and though the generosity of certain donors, we currently have designated support for:

- People of Color
- CGS in Connecticut
- CGS in Texas
- CGS in Georgia



OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMITTEES

Development Committee

The Development Committee advises, supports, and collaborates with the Board of Trustees and the staff of CGSUSA. The responsibilities of the Development Committee include:

- working with board and staff to recommend realistic fundraising goals and creating appropriate action plans to achieve goals
- reviewing donations history on an ongoing basis and making recommendations for appropriate actions
- providing recommendations and monitor plans and goals for routine communication with donors, cultivating Major Gifts (\$1000 or more), increasing member donations, expanding constituency base (within the limits of available human and technology resources)
- helping generate creative content and realistic methods for the above.

Episcopal Committee

The Episcopal Committee supports, advises, and collaborates with the National Director and the Director of Formation on CGSUSA issues as they relate to the Episcopal community. The responsibilities of the Episcopal Committee may include:

- adapting formation content to meet the needs of Episcopal communities while staying true to CGS methodology and guiding principles
- adapting materials to meet the needs of Episcopal communities while staying true to CGS methodology and guiding principles
- evangelizing within and across Episcopal communities
- encouraging, supporting, and engaging Episcopalians in the work of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee serves the entire Board by providing preliminary review and clarity of items to be considered for future Board meetings. The responsibilities of the Executive Committee include:

- providing orientation and education to the Board in areas that include (but are not limited to) governance, human resources, development, and legal issues
- initiating a Strategic Plan
- establishing and overseeing working groups, as needed
- monitoring Board action items

Extraordinary Form Committee

The Extraordinary Form Committee supports, advises, and collaborates with the National Director and the Director of Formation on CGSUSA issues as they relate to the Extraordinary Form community.

The responsibilities of the Extraordinary Form Committee may include:

- adapting formation content to meet the needs of the Extraordinary Form communities while staying true to CGS methodology and guiding principles
- adapting materials to meet the needs of Extraordinary Form communities while staying true to CGS methodology and guiding principles

Finance Committee



The Finance Committee advises, supports, and collaborates with the Board of Trustees and staff of CGSUSA in developing and maintaining effective financial practices. The responsibilities of the Finance Committee include:

- developing and maintaining sound financial and bookkeeping procedures
- monitoring the financial status of the association
- reviewing and making recommendations in consultation with hired, professional accountants on decisions that have a financial impact to CGSUSA

Formation Committee

The Formation Committee supports, advises, and collaborates with the Director of Formation in discerning the direction and content of the CGS Catechist Formation. The responsibilities of the Formation Committee include:

- supporting the development of, and collaborating in catechist formation and formation leader courses and resources
- clarifying current materials including updates, on an ongoing basis
- identifying and advising areas of ongoing catechist and formation leader formation
- supporting, advising, and collaborating on international work that surrounds formation, the CGS method, materials, catechist observations, and publications (including translations)

Governance and Nominating Committee

The Governance and Nominating Committee is a Board Committee that develops, oversees, and performs ongoing evaluation of the Association's policies. The committee monitors compliance of the Board, staff, members, and committees with CGSUSA bylaws. This committee also prepares a slate of candidates selected from nominations submitted by the membership for open positions on the Board of Trustees. The election is held at the Annual Meeting of CGSUSA members. The responsibilities of the Governance and Nominating Committee include:

- developing, overseeing, and performing ongoing evaluation of CGSUSA policies and bylaws every three years and recommending any needed changes
- recommending procedures for evaluating the Board and the Chairperson
- recommending ways to orient and educate Board members
- reviewing the job descriptions of responsibilities and expectations for Board members and the Board Chairperson
- recommending nominees for election and reelection to the Board, by utilizing a competency matrix that profiles the Board's current makeup compared to its list of needed competencies as a means of analyzing areas to emphasize in recruiting new Board members
- developing and implementing succession planning for the Board, including nominations, reelections, and elections of board members
- overseeing and reviewing the board's self-assessment and improvement process every one or two years
- engaging in ongoing consultation with legal counsel regarding legal and regulatory issues that affect governance

Journal Committee



The Journal Committee collaborates with the National Director and Liturgy Training Publications (LTP) to prepare, edit, and produce the annual CGSUSA Journal. The specific responsibilities of the Journal Committee include:

- consider theme for Journal beyond current year
- identify authors and solicit articles
- send releases to authors
- assign editors for articles
- complete edits and style to submit to LTP editor
- write letter from the Editors, back page
- determine art, prayers, and pearls for Journal
- receive and proof galleys

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee supports, advises, and collaborates with the Board of Trustees and staff of CGSUSA to invite and welcome people from a broad spectrum of Christian denominations and geographic regions to become members of CGSUSA. The specific responsibilities of the Membership Committee include:

- inspiring members to remain and respond through their service in both the atrium and in the national association
- planning and cultivating membership drives (such as highlighting member benefits, utilizing social media for announcements, etc.)
- providing resources that support current members (up-to-date Membership Welcome Kits, regular communication with members, new member newsletters, etc.)
- providing resources to serve the children and their families in the atrium community (monthly parent newsletters)
- supporting the Membership Coordinator in implementing a Membership Marketing Plan that includes contacting and re-inviting “lapsed” CGS members
- providing updated information to the Membership Coordinator for the CGSUSA website, including the Atrium Locator
- cultivating ongoing fellowship and connection to the national and international community of CGS catechists
- strengthening and supporting regional work
- acquiring new members and retain and support existing members by responding to their needs as individuals, parishes, and regions
- encouraging active engagement of current members

Methodist Committee

The Methodist Committee supports, advises, and collaborates with the National Director and the Director of Formation on CGSUSA issues as they relate to the Methodist community. The responsibilities of the Methodist Committee may include:

- adapting formation content to meet the needs of Methodist communities while staying true to CGS methodology and guiding principles
- adapting materials to meet the needs of Methodists communities while staying true to CGS methodology and guiding principles
- evangelizing within and across Methodist communities



- encouraging, supporting, and engaging Methodists in the work of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- developing Methodist sponsorship for special events and financial support for the work of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Orthodox Committee

The Orthodox Committee supports, advises, and collaborates with the National Director and the Director of Formation on CGSUSA issues as they relate to Orthodox communities. The responsibilities of the Orthodox Committee include:

- adapting formation content and materials to meet the needs of Orthodox communities, staying true to CGS methodology and principles
- evangelizing within and across Orthodox communities
- encouraging, supporting, and engaging Orthodox Christians in the work of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- developing Orthodox sponsorship for special events and financial support for the work of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Spanish Speaking Committee

The Spanish Speaking Committee supports, advises, and collaborates with the National Director, the Spanish Speaking Coordinator, and the Director of Formation on CGSUSA issues as they relate to Spanish-speaking communities. The responsibilities of the Spanish Speaking Committee include:

- assisting with material manual translation
- assisting in prioritizing CGSUSA documents that need to be translated into Spanish
- assisting in identifying translators
- communicating the needs of Spanish-speaking communities in developing more bi-lingual atria
- evangelizing within and across Spanish-speaking communities.

Tina Lillig Memorial

The Tina Lillig Memorial Fund (TLM) Committee accepts and reviews applications for scholarships and grants, and recommends the disbursement of financial aid for scholarships, grants and missionary outreach that support the mission and vision of CGSUSA. The Tina Lillig Memorial Fund was created to support the growth and development of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd through catechist formation, missionary outreach, and the work of the United States Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGSUSA). The responsibilities of the TLM Fund Committee include:

- compiling requests twice a year, verifying membership and course registration of applicants
- verifying course attendance of scholarship recipients
- discerning and recommending support/award amounts for National Director's final approval
- following up as needed with applicants and recipients
- collecting testimonials from recipients for impact report



CGSUSA STATISTICS

CGSUSA touches over 92,000 children and families annually

CGSUSA forms over 2300 catechists in this method of catechesis a year.

CGSUSA has 230 Formation Leaders who prepare catechists to do this work in courses of at least ninety to one hundred hours. Each year there are over 200 courses offered in this country.

CGSUSA has over 5000 atria in this country (the prepared environment where this catechesis takes place).

CGSUSA is available in over 175 Dioceses in the US.

CGSUSA catechists volunteer over 50,000 hours of community service monthly.

CGSUSA has over 4000 registered members.

CGS is found in 56 countries in the world.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is a movement that has been in existence now for over sixty years, listening deeply to children and their spiritual questions, discovering what resonates in their relationship with God. CGS has its roots in the Montessori movement and the fertile soil of wisdom this wider community has tilled concerning how children naturally develop and learn. Practiced in over 56 countries, The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd has grown and spread amazingly. At last count it is in 54 countries: Australia, Austria, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Czech Republic, Chile, Colombia, Croatia, Ecuador, England, France, Germany, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, , India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Latvia, Lithuania, Malaysia, Nicaragua, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Romania, Singapore, Thailand, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Portugal, Poland, Puerto Rico, Rwanda, Serbia, Bosnia, Slovenia, Spain, South Africa, South Sudan, Switzerland, Tanzania, Trinidad, Uganda, and Uzbekistan, Uruguay, the United States, Venezuela.



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*The kingdom of God is
as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,
and would sleep and rise night and day,
and the seed would sprout and grow,
he does not know how.*

*The earth produces of itself,
first the stalk, then the head,
then the full grain in the head.*

*But when the grain is ripe,
at once he goes in with his sickle,
because the harvest has come.*

Mark 4:26-29

