



The United States Association of

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd®

CGSUSA Board Election Biography for Elizabeth Burghart 2023



When I was thirteen years old, I saw the Eucharistic Presence of the Good Shepherd presentation for the first time. I was deeply drawn to the work, and I was eager to receive training. I was permitted to join an upcoming Level I Formation Course. At the time, I did not know the remarkable impact Catechesis of the Good Shepherd would have on my life.

My early years as a catechist were enriched by meeting Sofia Cavalletti and Silvana Montanaro in Rome. I soon went on to receive training in Levels II and III as well as Primary Montessori training. I have had the joy of serving as a Catechist of the Good Shepherd since 2008.

In 2012, I was blessed with the unique opportunity to visit Guatemala with another Montessorian. She was offering support and providing materials for a mission school which was transitioning to Montessori. This was also my first experience with fundraising. I was amazed by the generosity of others and the power of a passionate and humble request.

In 2020, I was honored to be elected as a member of the CGSUSA Board of Trustees. It has been a joy to serve in this capacity! I am currently the chair of two board committees and hope to have the opportunity to continue this work throughout another three-year term.

I currently live in Atchison, KS with my husband, Paul, and our three children. This year, I am serving as a substitute for the Holy Family Atrium at St. Benedict's Parish and an assistant in the 0-3 room for Holy Family Montessori.

Throughout my work, whether in parishes, Montessori schools or my own home, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd has been a strong foundation and inspiration. CGS is a "golden thread" in my life. Indeed, it is one of the greatest gifts I have received.

With gratitude,

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I am serving only as a substitute in our atria this year for children 0-12, and I am serving weekly in the 0-3 environment of the Montessori Co-op.

Level I

Completed in 2005

Des Moines, Iowa

Level II

Completed in 2007

Stuart, Iowa

Level III

Completed in 2007