

2020 Nominee to the Board of Trustees

Elizabeth Burghart



When I was thirteen years old, I saw the Eucharistic Presence of the Good Shepherd presentation. I was deeply drawn to the work and I was eager to receive training. Because I was so young, I was somewhat surprised when 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 went on to receive training in Levels II and III. I have enjoyed working with children in all three levels.

CGS introduced me to the Montessori method and I was hungry to learn more. After receiving my Primary Montessori credentials, I was blessed with the unique opportunity to visit Guatemala with another Montessorian who was providing support and materials for a mission school which was transitioning to Montessori and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. This also presented an opportunity for me to “get my feet wet” with fund-raising. I was amazed by the generosity of others and the power of a passionate and humble request.

I had the joy of aiding in the establishment and growth of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in Iowa where I worked as a Faith Formation Coordinator for four years. I was also able to assist with the expansion of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in two Catholic, Montessori programs during the three years I spent as the Montessori Guide (teacher). Most recently, I served as the Assistant Montessori Director at St. Jerome Academy in Maryland.

Throughout my work and in my vocation as a wife and mother of two young children, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd has been a strong foundation and constant inspiration. CGS is a “golden thread” in my life. Indeed, CGS is one of the greatest gifts I have received and I hope to continue sharing it with others.

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St. Jerome Academy serving 3-9-year-old children

Roman Catholic

Formation:

Level I – 2005, Des Moines, Iowa

Level II - 2007, Stuart, Iowa

Level III - 2011, Winterset, Iowa