



## CATECHESIS of the GOOD SHEPHERD HEARTLAND REGION

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The *Wichita diocesan Catechesis of the Good Shepherd formation team* (Frances Casey, catechist/formation leader, St. Francis, St. Paul; Sharon Compton, catechist/materials coordinator, Our Lady of Lourdes, Pittsburg; Donna Hoefgen, catechist/course hostess, St. James, Augusta) wishes to express their deep gratitude to our CGS Prayer Partners. We have witnessed the fruit of your prayers in our course sessions. **Through prayer you are with us in all that we do and share in our apostolic ministry – helping to bring about the New-Evangelization of which Pope Benedict and Pope Francis speak.**

**We invite those who have not yet been a part of this CGS Prayer Partner apostolate to join us in this catechetical ministry.** We so need Prayer Partners for our work to bear fruit.

Upon completion of the eight-day Level Three, part one, formation course in Augusta this past July, the Boulder, Colorado, formation leader who joined us for the course stated that it was the most Spirit filled group she has ever worked with in all her years of CGS formation courses. We know this is the visible result of our Prayer Partners.

This past May we completed a CGS Level One course which certified the complete staff, a PSR catechist, and the school principal of St. Patrick's School, Chanute. This group is also part of the Level Two course we began, August 26, in Augusta. In addition to the Chanute staff this Level Two course has participants from Pittsburg, Independence, Winfield, IHM Sisters and several Wichita parishes. We will meet one or two Saturdays a month through May.

The last week of May we completed a Level One CGS course for the Diocese of Colorado Springs in Colorado Springs.

In June 2018, we will complete the Level Three course, part two, in Augusta. The Chanute staff is also part of this course of 23 participants from the Diocese of Wichita, as well as, Colorado Springs, and Ennis, Texas – whose pastor is Father John Dick, son of Mary and Frank Dick.

**We ask your prayers also for the successful planning of three very important courses that are still in the planning stages. These courses will be for groups that have not yet been reached and will be significant for the future of CGS in the Diocese of Wichita.**

All the hands-on-materials in St. Francis Parish, St. Paul, three CGS atrium rooms have been financed by individual donations. The many wooden dioramas and other wooden materials were made and donated by Westhoff Interiors. Betty Bradshaw and Loyola Puckett made the miniature priest vestments.

Through these courses our Formation Team and Prayer Partners continue the missionary spirit and work of those missionaries who have gone before us. In the spirit of Stewardship we continue to pass on this **Gift** that was given to us from Father Schoenmaker, Mother Bridget, and the other missionaries for whose lives we are forever grateful.

All money we receive, in donations or course fees, goes into atrium materials. No money goes to the formation team. We give our work in the spirit of Stewardship. We are the Heartland Region of the National CGS Association (CGSUSA). We are a 501-c-3 Kansas non-profit group. We also donate CGS materials to the IHM Sisters who work in our diocese.