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Dear Communications Director/Editor,

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) program forms and teaches our Catholic faith to children ages 3 to 12 in a specially prepared setting using a Montessori methodology that engages children's imaginations and curiosity. Although the CGS method is approved by the Slovenian catechetical office and the Slovenian bishops' conference, the catechists' manuals and children's workbooks need to be translated into Slovenian, and Slovenian catechists require training to use this effective and engaging way of forming the next generation of Christian disciples.

With funding from the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, made possible by your diocese's generous support, the Ursuline sisters' Akademija Mericianum started translating the CGS materials in 2021 and offered workshops and courses for more than 100 catechists in cooperation with the United States Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in 2022. As a result, program participants were able to bring CGS to about 1,500 children.

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With gratitude,

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