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To Whom It May Concern

As Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon, I am pleased to provide a letter of recommendation for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program is aligned with the Diocesan goal to Proclaim Christ and God's Kingdom, training catechists to work with children ages three to twelve. Using hands-on materials in the method of Dr. Maria Montessori, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd allows children to hear the Word of God proclaimed and grow in their relationship with Jesus. Currently, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is available in four parishes.

In a specially prepared environment called the atrium, the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd offers a place of prayer and quiet to help the child have eyes to see and ears to hear God. The approach offers an age appropriate and tactile method of presenting God's teachings through parables, narratives, prophecies and other works.

One catechist says this: "I myself have been a CGS catechist for four years and I am grateful to continue growing with the children in this beautiful method, and I pray others will respond to God's call and continue in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd formation."

I support the goal of the CGS catechists in our diocese to continue to grow the team of catechists through ongoing training, so that more children can experience the love and joy of the Good Shepherd. The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program has my support and blessing.

Sincerely in Christ,

✠ Most Reverend Mark A. Hagemoen
Bishop of Saskatoon