

DONOR PROFILE: Craig and Elizabeth Hampton



Craig and Elizabeth with their daughters, Corinne, 10, and Marielle, 6.
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When Craig and Elizabeth Hampton contemplated their gift to *Encountering Christ*, they turned to prayer.

“We wanted to give an amount that would be a sacrifice to us,” Elizabeth said. “So, we prayed that we would be able to find a way to keep providing for all of the things that you have to provide for when you’re raising a 10-year-old and 6-year-old, and all of the other things in life.”

The Hamptons are members of the resident community at the University Catholic Center of the University of Texas at Austin. They were originally drawn to the campus ministry because of the religious education program for their daughters but stayed once they experienced the closeness of the community.

“There’s every generation within the University Catholic Center,” said Craig, noting that worshipping alongside students are faculty members and university employees, like Elizabeth, as well as alumni who raised their families there and are now grandparents. “It’s a really good experience for our kids to be around this sort of multigenerational community.”

The University Catholic Center’s campaign will support the center’s growing music ministry. “It’s rewarding knowing we’ve been blessed with opportunities to be able to give at this stage in our lives and that it’s going to help students as well as our residents,” Craig explained.

Taking a cue from longtime members, Craig and Elizabeth accepted Paulist Father Larry Rice’s invitation to volunteer on the Campaign Executive Committee. The experience has drawn them even closer to the campus ministry.

“I’m getting to know my church community even better,” Elizabeth said. “And that actually makes for a more joyful and holy Mass experience.”