

DONOR PROFILE: Dorothy Bielski



When Dorothy Bielski was 17 and about to marry, she decided to convert to Catholicism.

“I always felt that it was the best thing that ever happened to me,” she said. “I feel strong about my faith.”

When her pastor, Salvatorian Father Jozef Musiol, approached her about making a gift to *Encountering Christ*, she reflected on her many years in the faith and, over the course of a week and a half, prayed for guidance. She reviewed the campaign case statement and saw how her parish, St. Stanislaus in Chappell Hill, would benefit, as well as the Diocese of Austin as a whole. With 15 grandchildren, she has personally witnessed the difference campus ministry can make in the lives of young adults and liked that *Encountering Christ* will support this “important part” of college life.

She also thought about the church’s current challenges regarding clergy abuse, and how God promised her the church would always be there for her. “I believe that,” she said. “Regardless of what’s going on, our church will be stronger and will always exist.”

Ultimately, “I decided God had been good to me,” said Dorothy, who is a member of her parish’s finance council. “I certainly have more than I need.”

Dorothy hopes others will similarly reflect on what God has given them and respond generously with their own talents.

“We’re a united church, all of us together,” she said. “All of us give in a different way, but we’re all capable of giving something.”