

Volunteer Spotlight: Deacon Alvin Frerich

While not a formal member of the Campaign Executive Committees at the parishes he is assigned to, Deacon Alvin Frerich was drawn to assist with *Encountering Christ* because of the support the campaign will give to our clergy.

“Taking care of clergy in all stages of their life is most important,” he said. “That always touches me, so I got involved. That’s just the number one priority we should always be thinking about.”

Deacon Frerich also realized the importance of *Encountering Christ* in fulfilling the diocese’s Pastoral Plan, *Encounter that Leads to Transformation*. He shared his enthusiasm for the campaign with his parishioners at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in String Prairie and Sacred Heart Parish in Rockne during Masses, at meetings and during one-on-one discussions.

Both parishes participated in the Pilot Phase of *Encountering Christ* under Salvatorian Father Dariusz Ziebowicz and exceeded their goals. Deacon Frerich credited the dedicated committee volunteers at St. Mary and Sacred Heart for their success.

“My approach was to just talk to the people, to see what was on their mind,” he said. “The campaign was just an avenue for me to share ways to encounter Christ. I enjoyed it very much. That’s part of being a deacon.”