

Volunteer Profile: Kathy Pappenfort



As a catechist, Kathy Pappenfort was particularly interested in how *Encountering Christ* would enhance religious education at her parish and across the Diocese of Austin.

The diocese's plan to update current methodologies, curriculum and textbooks "speaks to where the kids are and what they're learning in school," she said. "Technology is important and definitely increases their desire to learn more."

But facility updates are also needed to improve this important ministry at Kathy's parish. St. Luke in Temple has seen an influx in young families joining the community. The subsequent increase in religious education students has prompted the parish to use a portion of its *Encountering Christ* funds to renovate its 50-year-old religious education building as well as build a playground.

Serving on her parish's Campaign Executive Committee allowed Kathy to meet more families in her parish.

"The people I see, I encourage them and they encourage me," she said. "It has increased my commitment to watching the diocese grow; and, for those who are young, make sure they grow up in St. Luke's knowing the faith as I knew it and being able to meet friends within the Catholic community."