

STONECREST

IN VIRGINIA Inspiring virtue, confidence, artistry



“Count on Me”

These were the words Helena Metzger spoke to her close friends when they asked for her prayers for Stonecrest. She supported Stonecrest, thinking in particular about the expansion of the women’s apostolates of Opus Dei into her home state of Virginia.

For decades Helena offered her spacious historic home in Virginia for weekend retreats and activities for women offered by Opus Dei. Literally hundreds of women benefitted from time spent deepening their faith, conversing with friends, and receiving spiritual direction at her home. Helena designated a portion of her estate to continue this work—expanding Christian formation for women further into Virginia and beyond.

Stonecrest is proud to offer

The Metzger Challenge a \$500,000 Matching Gift Campaign running from

**Labor Day, September 5, 2022 -
The Anniversary of the founding of Opus Dei, October 2, 2022**

The Metzger Challenge will inspire us to follow in Helena’s footsteps by investing in women. During this limited time, every new donation to the Stonecrest in Virginia campaign will be *matched and doubled, dollar for dollar up to \$250,000!*

Double the impact of your gift by joining the **Metzger Challenge for Stonecrest in Virginia.**

Give online at Stonecrest.org or contact Becca Hadley at info@Stonecrest.org or (240) 620-5045

Helena Metzger

In her work of creating a warm and formative atmosphere around her, a woman fulfills the most indispensable part of her mission... Both family and society clearly need this special contribution.

-St. Josemaria Escrivá

Helena was a force for good; a true *Grande Dame*.

Elegant, realistic, wise, generous, warm, kind, and loving. These are the words friends use to describe Helena.

She was a straight shooter, a gifted businesswoman, and had a vibrant sense of humor. She was known for her openness and sound advice on any topic – marriage, homemaking, managing finances, cooking, reading, beauty, and more!

Helena was deeply committed to her family and was always available to her friends and the greater community. She never stopped finding opportunities to help others to grow. Even in her last days, Helena stayed in touch with friends, chatting on Facetime when she was no longer able to leave her bed. She welcomed visitors gracefully. She prayed consistently for young women attending Stonecrest activities by name, asking that they grow closer to God.

Stonecrest in Virginia will be a place where Helena's spirit of service, collaboration, wisdom, and commitment to women of all ages will be honored; a place where women will find the support they need to flourish.

We hope that you will consider joining the **Metzger Challenge** by making your gift today!



*When women thrive, families grow stronger, communities improve, and civil society prospers.
The impact is felt for generations.*

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