

# leadership candidate



**Claudia Dombrowski, SSJ**

## *What personal challenges would elective office present to you?*

These are some of the personal challenges that I see:

1. to maintain a balance between maintenance and mission,
2. to know there is no set plan and so to be open to all that is, be positive, and to trust God's spirit at work, and
3. to take time with the other two in leadership to prayerfully look at our strengths and gifts and how we might best serve the community at this time.

## *How do you balance the personal, ministerial, and spiritual components of life?*

I see all three areas as very important in a person's life. Spiritual has a high priority in my life. It gives me what I need to do the ministerial, along with personal. My daily prayer time, annual retreat, and spiritual direction are essential components for me. Taking time to be re-energized is also very necessary. You can't give what you don't have. Taking time for oneself to enjoy life brings a whole new dimension to things.

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Current ministry:  
Home Instead Senior Care  
*Caregiver*  
SSJ Congregation  
*Fleet Manager*

Past ministries:  
St. Peter Parish, Conneautville  
*Office Work/Finance*  
Erie Catholic Preparatory  
School/Cathedral Prep  
*Principal*  
Cathedral Prep  
*Principal, Teacher*  
Our Lady of Peace School  
*Principal*  
Villa Maria Academy  
*Teacher, Assistant Principal*  
St. John School  
*Teacher, Principal*  
Blessed Sacrament School  
*Trainee Program*

*three words someone would use to describe you:*

***prayerful and discerning  
positive energy, organizational skills***