

leadership candidate



Nancy Fischer, SSJ

Current ministry:

Erie Diocese

*Director of the Office of Religious,
Director for Small Communities
and Lay Ministry Training, Interim
Director of Religious Education*

Past ministries:

Erie Diocese

Director of RENEW

Sacred Heart Parish

*School Social Worker, Family
Minister*

St. John the Baptist

Teacher

Northwest Tri county I.U.

School Social Worker

Sacred Heart School

Teacher

St. Andrew's School

Social Studies Teacher

Villa Maria Elementary

Teacher

What personal challenges would elective office present to you?

I have never done this before so I am unsure of the day-to-day working of this position. I think it would be a challenge to be in one city working as opposed to thirteen counties. Also, the scope of dealing with one group of people and their needs and expectations might require a little adjustment time.

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

I have been blessed to have a job that has helped me to blend the spiritual and ministerial aspects of life. I spend hours by myself and have used that time for prayer and reflection. In my spare time, I enjoy watching and listening to sports and playing cards. I am not as good at the personal dimension, but am continuing to work at this, trying to take better care of myself.

Sister Nancy graduated from Villa Maria College with a BS degree in elementary education. She also earned a BA degree in Social Work from Villa Maria College and a MA in Pastoral Ministry from LaSalle University, Philadelphia. She was honored as a Serra Club Woman Religious of the Year in 2008 and she serves on the boards of the North American forum for small communities and the National Alliance of parishes restructuring into small communities. Since 2015, she serves as a Leadership-Delegate-at-Large for the congregation.

*three words someone
would use to describe you:*

friendly, compassionate, achiever