

leadership candidate



Carol Morehouse, SSJ

Current ministry:
Saint Vincent Hospital
*Director of Pastoral Care and
Mission Integration*

Past ministries:
Saint Vincent Hospital
*Senior Vice President Mission
Integration*
Attorney, Private Practice
Villa Maria Academy
Principal, Administrator
Moran, Morehouse, Bruno
Attorney
SSJ Congregation
Part-time councilor/treasurer
Taggart and Moran
Attorney
St. John the Baptist
Teacher
Sacred Heart School
Teacher
St. Andrew School
Teacher

What personal challenges would elective office present to you?

First, it would mean leaving a community of people and a ministry which I love. While we no longer sponsor Saint Vincent, the influence of our mission and charism is visible to me everyday. The second challenge will be the variety of responsibilities. The time and energy to attend to internal and external relationships could be a daunting task as I am an introvert and a 9 on the enneagram. However, my experiences have given me ample opportunity to develop my extroverted self. While there will be challenges, none would prevent my serving. Having been in elected leadership before, I am confident I would be able to meet those challenges.

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

The ways I balance things is changing as I get older. A few years ago, I would have said that I care for myself by taking a hike in the woods and birding. Now, I find that jigsaw puzzles and reading suit my physical self better. I also enjoy traveling and have been blessed to visit places like Hawaii and Alaska. Those were "big getaways" but more often, I just take time to be home praying, relaxing, watching TV, and getting some "home" things done. I try to balance by exchanging time. So, if I have an evening activity, I might not come in the following morning.

Having already said I am a 9 on the enneagram, rather than risking not taking time for me, my shadow is sloth. When I am at my best, my most integrated self, it is not so difficult to maintain balance.

Sister Carol has served on the Sisters of St. Joseph Board of Directors, the SSJ Neighborhood Network Board and the Sisters of St. Joseph Mission and Ministries Foundation Board. She is a past board member of Saint Vincent Health Center and Villa Maria Academy. She served as President of the Villa Elementary Board during its final year. She currently serves as a board member at Harborcreek Youth Services. Since 2015, she has served as a Leadership Delegate at Large for the congregation. She earned a BS in elementary education from Villa Maria College and a Juris Doctorate of Law from Duquesne University.

*three words someone
would use to describe you:*

welcoming, procrastinator, loyal