

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.

Sister Claudia received the Papal Cross pro Ecclesia et Pontifice, bestowed by Pope Benedict XVI in 2006. She has served, and is presently serving, on the Sisters of St. Joseph Board of Directors and is a member of JPIC. She earned a BS in Elementary Education from Villa Maria College and a Master's in Education from Xavier University in Cincinnati, OH. She completed additional studies at Edinboro University and Boston College. She is certified in Elementary and Secondary Administration.

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***