

Bring on the fall weather!!

Hi all,

The days are getting shorter and there's a crispness in the air. I feel so fortunate to live in Utah with our four seasons. With each change of the weather we make changes in our lives. This fall, as we put away our summer clothes, rake our leaves, and get ready for winter, let's stop and look at the service and charity work we are involved with. Is it time for a change? As suggested in the Catholic Woman Magazine, let's ask ourselves the following questions. Does it still satisfy you? Are you doing it with pure intentions— for God's glory and not your own? Are your commitments to NCCW and your local Council of Catholic Women as strong as they were when you joined? If you find that your service work could use some change or you haven't engaged in charity work in quite some time, here are a few suggestions for how to find the right fit for you.

Ask yourself.. do I want to

... make things better where I live

... meet people who are different from me

... try something new

... do something with my spare time

... see a different way of life and new places

... try the type of work I might want to do as a full time job

... do more with my interests and hobbies

... do something you are good at

Chances are you can find a perfect match that fits with what you are passionate about. Passionate volunteers contribute more to the causes they serve because they are willing to go the extra mile. Not surprising that if you search volunteer websites one of the search fields asks... "interests"

So change things up if find yourself in a rut. Reflect on your priorities, commitments, and relationship with the Lord. Remember to use your God given talents. It's no secret that God will meet our needs. And He uses His Church, to meet those needs in His Name.

Recently, I have found myself changing things up. Marcie, Stacy Oliveto and I have entered into an interfaith service project with several churches in our area. This day of serving will be in March on a Saturday for half a day. It is a little unsettling working outside my comfort zone. Much easier to keep doing what I'm doing at Saint Olaf with friends and parishioners. I hope to make new friends, make a difference in my community and learn a little more about different faiths.

I will keep you all informed as this endeavor unfolds. Perhaps some of you can join us on that day.

I'm also working on what we will be doing for our DCCW service project. I will be launching this at the November meeting. The response last year with our food drive was phenomenal. I know I can count on your support this year as well.

We all certainly know the importance of helping others. And sharing our blessings with the less fortunate.

Blessed to be among you,

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