

My Dear Sisters,

I first want to apologize for failing to update the message on this site. Time seems to slip away from us so quickly. I have been pondering what I should tell you in this very special forum. I first would like to begin by telling you how much I love each and every one of you and how much I appreciate the opportunity to serve as your president. It is truly a privilege. It is also a joy.

I want to share something with you that our Church President, Bro. Paul Palmieri shared with us last weekend at the IMOC Meeting in Detroit. The topic of his Saturday morning address was "The Vision of the Church". A particular part of that address that struck me the hardest was his advise to never say no when you are asked to do something for the Church. He admonished us that we should always agree to do those things we are called upon to do and trust that God will provide the means to accomplish the task.

I know that recently I have felt overwhelmed by the number of open projects I have. Upon reflection, I realized that whatever I have quickly and joyfully agreed to do was completed easily and without painful deliberation. Bro. Paul's words were inspirational to me and I hope they will be the same for you. The Church of Jesus Christ and the Ladies' Uplift Circle do not have limitless resources, so it is imperative that we each do what falls upon us to be done.

I have heard from many of you that there exists a concern regarding the lack of participation in local circles, wondering who will take over the work of providing funds for the missionary work of the church. The answer I now know is to realize that each of us has a responsibility and it is necessary to joyfully assume that responsibility. If we are not happy with the way things are done in our home circles, then it is our duty to be a part of the organization and participating in seeking a solution to our problems. There is much work to be done and each and every sister is needed to accomplish the tasks presented to us.

May God bless you as you prayerfully consider what it is that God has for you to do.

Your servant and sister in Christ,

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