

Sister Lois Buck's ministry, Cardinal's Nest, provides respite care services for families of children with special needs. By listening from the heart to parents who are crying out for a break (compassion), she was led to establish this ministry. Contemplation-her relationship with God-keeps her balanced. She believes this is the work of both God and St. Angela. Angela directs us in her Counsels to "meet the needs of the times." The children with whom Lois works struggle with anxiety disorders, autism, deafness, blindness and other challenges. Their fathers go to work but the mothers are with their children 24/7. Sister Lois says providing respite is doing justice. She says some mothers are at risk of becoming depressed and unintentionally abusive at home because of the stress of life's demands. One mother says, "You are saving our marriage." Sister Lois says her ministry "is a blessing for them and for me."