The Discernment Wheel

What should I do? Who should I be?
How can I integrate my faith and my understanding of what God wants of me with what I do?

Each of us is created, unique, in God’s image. Each of us came into this world with God-given specific gifts, passions, values, and skills. Each of us has developed skills and has been called on to perform certain tasks repeatedly, simply because we are good at them.

Four simple lenses help to answer the big question:
“What does God want to do with me?”

Ask yourself or others close to you what they observe about you:
• What are you really passionate about? What do you love to do and never tire doing?
• What are you really good at doing? What feels effortless to you?
• What do you find yourself always doing? What do others always ask you to do?
• What do you believe in your heart of hearts? What do you truly value in yourself and in others?

The information you gather in this process is an important indicator of the path God might be encouraging you to pursue. Where do your passions, values and that which you always do and are good at meet the world’s needs? When the Holy Spirit connects those things, you are experiencing transformation. For there, you are truly engaging God’s Mission. For there, the Kingdom of God is in the present.

“Your vocation in life is where your greatest joy meets the world’s greatest need.”
—Frederick Buechner, theologian