

ST. DOMINIC'S LEADERSHIP REPORT



On May 4, 2009, St. Dominic's held its monthly Leadership Night. The following is a brief summary of each commission's meeting and its goals.

Administration

Finance and Development reports that focus is on the completion of the church renovation. The contractor is removing windows from the north transept now; their return will mark 70% completion of the entire multi-year effort. We expect to need \$4mm more to complete remaining interior work on the Lady Chapel and the church interior. The **AutoCheck** team is studying similar automated donation programs and expects to survey parish newcomers for their pros/cons of AutoCheck. **Communications** reported the St. Dominic's website is undergoing a face lift to reduce clutter, ease navigation and add more photographs. The framework for an electronic newsletter will follow. The **Emergency Planning** team reports the last phase of this effort, namely electronic data storage and retention, is in its final stages of completion. **Building & Grounds** is (a) planning new safety lighting, (c) working with a vendor on a safety rail and (c) evaluating facility management software to better plan, execute and budget maintenance. **Gardening** reported that once the Bush St. scaffolding is removed, city-sponsored consultants from Green & Bold will design and propose, gratis, a new landscaping plan.

Community Life

The Community Life Commission is continuing to move forward on its strategic objectives of putting in place a revised **Ministry booklet**, an enhanced **Newcomer Welcome and Registration** process and an event committee all with the aim of encouraging parishioners to participate in the full breadth of life at St. Dominic's. The process is taking more time than we had envisioned, but we continue to make headway.

Formation

The Formation Commission was unable to meet this month.

Outreach

The Outreach Commission continued the discussion on recruiting new members for the commission. One idea was to talk with parishioners who are participating in one of the commission ministries to see if they would be interested joining the commission. **Mission of Love** has been postponed to October or November. Since, the event was postponed we discussed doing a Mission of San Francisco. Members from Mission of Love and anyone else interested could do some projects either around the parish or for elderly parishioners. **Jail Ministry** recently advertised the need for new members in the bulletin and will be welcoming 4-6 new members. **Consolation Ministry** finished a 12-week grief group and will start another group in August or September. The ministry will be hosting the **Mass of Remembrance on August 8**. The **Social Justice Committee** will be hosting interactive discussion groups in May to give parishioners a chance to get to know each and discuss social issues.

Spiritual & Liturgical Life

The Spiritual & Liturgical Life Commission reported that the **Liturgy Board** charter has been finalized and approved by Father Xavier. The charter establishes operating guidelines for the Liturgy Board. An update was provided from the **Stewardship Committee** and its activities leading up to Stewardship Month in July. Other discussion included a number of liturgical support needs we are investigating to see if we can implement them more broadly. The **Tools for Sacramental Living Series** will make additional/repeat materials available again soon.

Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council received a report from Michael Rossi, Parish Administrator, on the remaining work and schedule for the **Saving God's House** campaign. The council also discussed their experiences with the **StrengthsFinders** program, which is a new program intended to help parishioners understand and build upon their personal strengths. More details will be forthcoming; the parish will have a **leadership development expert** coming on Tuesday, May 26. For information, contact Shelley Goodale in the parish office.