

ST. DOMINIC'S LEADERSHIP REPORT



On August 3, 2009, St. Dominic's held its monthly Leadership Night. The following is a brief summary of each commission's meeting and its goals.

Administration

The **Finance Council** reviewed the fiscal 2009-10 budget, noting tighter controls on expenses in order to avoid an operational deficit for the fiscal year. **Building & Grounds** is implementing the parish's facility management software, which will enable a more efficient method for tracking asset location/maintenance. The group is also looking into procuring two defibrillators and training volunteers. Finally, the commission is in the process of reviewing the parish's **communication goals** and prioritizing that effort.

Community Life

Last month the parish held a **Jubilee Celebration for Sr. Anne**, which brought together members from different Parish Ministries to plan its success. This upcoming month we are helping put on the **Medieval Meal**. Also, we will hold a **Stewardship for Stories** after the 9:30 & 11:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Masses on August 16 as a way to bring parishioners together.

Formation

The Formation Commission continued its discussion and planning for the **parish media program**. We have put in place the editing team preparing the media that will be available to parishioners on our parish website. These include the recent recordings of the Early Church Series and homilies from Sunday Mass. The volunteers who will lead our **parish bible study** are hard at work putting together the final details of the program and have scheduled an October start. Our **Landings Program for Returning Catholics** is in the final stages of preparation for the session that begins in October. Schedules will be posted in the church. Our **new Director of Religious Education, Michael Smith**, is busy lining up teachers and selecting the text materials that will be used. Our program begins in September so watch for the schedule to be posted in the church.

Outreach

We welcomed **Priss Benbow**, giving her an overview of commission goals and responsibilities. Jimmy Salcido suggested developing a letter inviting parishioners to join a parish commission. Tim Farrell, with the Social Justice Ministry, is planning a **sharing of immigration stories** and discussion of Catholic teaching in October. Watch for the date and time. The **Outreach Volunteer Appreciation** reception will be held **Thursday, October 8, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** in the Parish Hall.

Spiritual & Liturgical Life

The Spiritual & Liturgical Life Commission is ready to hear from parishioners directly about how St. Dominic's is **meeting the spiritual needs** of the laity. Look for an opportunity to tell your story via printed cards circulated during Masses through the weekends of August 22-23 and 29-30. Stories will be gathered so that we can leverage our strengths by understanding them. We're hopeful that some parishioners will be willing to share their stories with others, for inspiration and to foster awareness of all that St. Dominic's has to offer.

Pastoral Council

Shelley Goodale introduced plans for **"Stories Sunday"** when parishioners will have a chance to get to know each other by sharing their experiences at St. Dominic's. We invite you to participate after the 9:30 & 11:30 a.m., and 5:30 p.m. Masses on August 16. Fr. Xavier challenged the Pastoral Council to use the Gallup Poll data to set goals for the long-term improvement of the parish. Upcoming meetings will discuss and expand on these issues. Mariana Rexroth and Jimmy Salcido have been selected to replace Larry Jannuzzi and Andrew Martinez-Fonts as Pastoral Council co-chairs. Two new Pastoral Council members will be introduced next month.