

ST. DOMINIC'S LEADERSHIP REPORT



On October 5, 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 Administration Commission this month discussed a new mission statement and arena of responsibility for the **Building and Grounds Committee**; these modifications will be discussed with staff and Fr. Xavier prior to implementation. On the **Communications** front, the Commission continues to move forward with the refinement of a logo design for the Parish and eventual development of a style guide; the logo will hopefully go for Parish Council approval next month. Progress is being made toward another **AutoCheck** push, this time emphasizing feedback from parishioners with regard to the AutoCheck system. The **Gardening Committee** had an excellent month of September, with three new members contributing their time and efforts to the beauty of the church landscaping.

Community Life

We accepted the resignation of one of our founding members, Kathleen Courtney, and welcomed Kerry Rockers as a new member of our commission. The rest of the meeting was spent discussing how our commission can run with at least one of the four areas discussed at the Sept. Pastoral Council meeting. We agreed that we would like to combine **Welcoming and Story-Sharing** in some way. One possibility is by holding a Story-Sharing event after the 11:30 a.m. Sunday Mass once a month. In addition, we discussed ideas for connecting with the Young Adult community.

Formation

The Formation Commission was blessed to welcome four new members who are discerning their call to participate in parish leadership. The Commission evaluated the progress of the many Formation ministries that began in September including: **Family and Children's Formation** with 80 students, 2) **RCIA** with over 60 participants, and 3) **Landings** with two sessions for the first time in several years. The Commission then focused its discussion on two new initiatives: 1) a **teen program** that will be launched and grown over the next two years, and 2) a **media project** to make homilies and other formation content available through the St. Dominic's Web site. If there are members of the parish with expertise in media or Web site technologies, the Commission would love to tap your expertise.

Outreach

Outreach would like to get more people engaged in the church. We realize that each an every person has God-given talents and St Dominic's would like to give all parishioners the opportunity to use their talents. We discussed other ways to give people a chance to meet and get to know other parishioners and even thought of an evening of **"Speed Conversations."** **Social Justice** is continuing their Health Care Awareness with an evening with a speaker. We would like to create a warm, welcoming environment at St Dominic's where people have the chance to use their gifts to give back to their church in their special God-given way.

Spiritual & Liturgical Life

The Spiritual & Liturgical Life Commission received 145 responses to our survey. We have been impressed by the quality of the responses and by what you have told us. Many of the responses are quite informative and very moving. They are giving us a better understanding of how St. Dominic's is meeting your spiritual needs. This will make us more effective in building a stronger community of actively engaged parishioners. The responses have all been typed so we can now review them and report from them. We are now also developing reports to let you know how the parish responded to the survey. We will be contacting those who indicated that they are willing to share their story.

Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council had a short meeting this month. At least one member from each commission was present. **Administration** assured us that an updated version of the church logo would be presented at the next meeting. **Spiritual Life** will keep working on the organization and a means of sharing of the stories that were solicited from parishioners last month. In the meantime, **Community Life** will select the most compelling snippets for an upcoming bulletin insert. Fr. Xavier and the **Pastoral Council** are very excited about the amount of stories collected and are eager to share them with you. Finally, Fr. Xavier left us with this thought: "Storytelling can be used as a tool for connection and understanding. We can't serve someone if we don't know them."