

# ST. DOMINIC'S LEADERSHIP REPORT

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On December 7, 2009, St. Dominic's held its monthly Leadership Night. The following is a brief summary of each commission's meeting and its goals. The next meeting is January 11, 2010.

## Administration

The Administration Commission reported progress on its assignment to enhance **parish communications**. Parish volunteers responded to a bulletin ad requesting graphic design help in developing a style and implementation guide to the newly approved logo. Concurrently, the team will coordinate with various parish groups to maintain **e-mail contact lists** in an effort to develop a shared tool that can benefit the many groups and parishioners who prefer to receive announcements electronically.

## Community Life

The Community Life Commission is looking forward to the upcoming **Advent Celebration on Dec. 17** as a unique opportunity to reunite with our family at St. Dominic's. Planning and execution are going smoothly with a large number of talented volunteers leading the way. We will host our first **POP (Power of Prayer) Sunday & Rosary Brunch on January 10**, to start the New Year prayerfully and to begin to nurture spirituality in our own community. We are also beginning to plan new community building activities for 2010 and beyond.

## Formation

**Elizabeth Warner** has graciously agreed to serve as one of the Formation Commission representatives to the Pastoral Council. Thank you, Elizabeth! We have made progress in implementing the **media project**. There are currently two podcasts available on the St. Dominic's Web site. The podcasts include the homilies from the first and second Sundays of Advent. Additional volunteers are being sought to further develop this resource. The Commission has set a tentative date in January 2010 for an off-site working retreat to begin building the framework for an overall Faith Formation vision and plan for implementation. We are making progress in reestablishing the **Philosophy and Theology Group**. We hope this group will resume in

February 2010. A **Lenten lecture series** is in the planning stages. Please look for more information in early 2010. Other projects were discussed and will be reported in more detail in future updates.

## Outreach

The Outreach Commission welcomed **Anna Armstrong**; Anna is a greeter/usher at the 5:30 p.m. Sunday Mass. The Thanksgiving grocery distribution was a huge success and a tremendous **thank you** goes out to all who helped! 300-350 families received meals to celebrate the holiday — a true blessing. We plan to include in the bulletin in the future a matrix that breaks out the differences among a cold, the seasonal flu, and the H1N1 virus. The **Social Justice Committee** hosted a talk on health care reform by Michael Lombardo, from the San Francisco Organizing Project, and Father Xavier addressing the Catholic perspective. It was very informative, and the committee encourages parishioners to stay informed on health care reform in the context of their Catholic faith. The Outreach Commission plans to have a **"Speed Mingling"** party sometime in the first or second week of February. Stay tuned for details!

## Spiritual & Liturgical Life

The Spiritual & Liturgical Life Commission devoted the December meeting to an in-depth discussion about **contemplative practices at St. Dominic's**. Look for a special handout in the next month or two detailing all the wonderful programs and opportunities we have — and will create — for your quiet time with God.

## Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council's December meeting included a warm welcome to Elizabeth Warner who is now representing the Formation Commission on the council. The **Children's Liturgy** has passed from Formation to the guiding hands of the Spiritual Life commission. Upcoming meetings will discuss and expand on planning a parish retreat; outfitting the modular classrooms for a coffee minute after every Sunday's Mass; an easily accessible medium for looking up and posting information; a segue from RCIA to the next level of formation; and defining contemplative practices that pertain to a healthy spiritual life at St. Dominic's. **The Leadership team wishes all of our parishioners a Merry Christmas.**