

ST. DOMINIC'S LEADERSHIP REPORT



Every month the Leadership Commissions meet to discuss their progress on **four major parish initiatives for 2010: welcoming; sharing our stories, broadening adult faith formation, and encouraging contemplative prayer.** This report highlights the efforts specific to these goals at the May meeting. The next Leadership Night is June 7, 2010.

Welcoming

Community Life has organized a set of volunteers to give **Newcomer's Orientations**, and on the weekend of May 15-16 there will be Newcomer's Orientations after most Masses. On May 16, we will launch **Hospitality after the 11:30 a.m. Mass** in the vestibule. We plan to repeat this every 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month, although possibly in a different location. We want to thank **Patrice Johnson** and **Meg Haggerty** for their enthusiasm for hosting this new endeavor.

The **Outreach Commission** is continuing to work with Community Life to expand the Coffee Minute to the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Masses. We are **expanding the Thursday sandwich program** to include the Bishop Swing homeless shelter South of Market.

The Pastoral Council discussed the space between the two modular classrooms that has been cleaned up. The infrastructure is near completion, allowing a consistent home for coffee minute following the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Masses (and hopefully less burden on the volunteers). The 5:30 p.m. version will continue in the church vestibule. The Pastoral Council discussed **initiatives for reaching out toward post young-adult men and baby boomers.**

Sharing our Stories

The Story Sharing activity for Community Life has wrapped up and they will be meeting to discuss their next step. The **Outreach Commission's next Speed Mingling** event has been scheduled for June 24 from 7:30-9:00 p.m. The questions at the next event will be focused on sharing our stories and what gives us inspiration.

Broadening Adult Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation held the first two meetings in the four-part series, ***Our Journey of Faith***, part Bible study and part exploration of our own faith. The

programs were very well attended. In Family and Children Faith Formation, **35 students** from St. Dominic's Parish and Megan Furth Academy **received their First Holy Communion** on Sunday, May 2. **Eight students will receive the sacrament of Confirmation** at St. Mary's Cathedral on May 16. **Parent Formation hosted two speakers, Lisa Hendey and Christine Watkins**, both of whom have recently published books on faith. **Youth Ministry** is developing a strategy and slate of **summer events intended to build an active community of youth** in our parish.

The Formation Commission is blessed with a new volunteer, **Thomas Mullaney**, to the **Homily Podcast Ministry**. He quickly got up to speed and recorded, edited and posted last Sunday's homily by Father Xavier Lavagetto. Our sincere thanks to Thomas for making his talents available to the parish (and beyond). Please check out this wonderful ministry on the parish website. Additional volunteers are welcome.

The **Formation Commission** has made significant progress in developing a formation structure that will **invite individuals on an intentional journey to mature faith and Christian fellowship.** The Stages working group explained that the **Seeker-Disciple-Apostle stages of faith**, introduced to the parish staff last week, was met with enthusiasm.

The **Spiritual & Liturgical Life Commission** will be developing new goals and objectives with education as the overall theme. Our first priority will be the **creation of materials and services or programs that foster religious education** for our parishioners—ways to help you deepen your understanding, appreciation, and participation in our faith and faith practice. Stay tuned for new projects.

The **Pastoral Council** had a thorough discussion on the month's progress in forming an outline of a multi-year Adult Faith Formation program that can serve parishioners who desire either (a) a progressive curriculum or (b) a format allowing one to take a course on their own schedules. The proposed model was reviewed at the staff retreat and had a test-run at the YAG retreat.

Encouraging Contemplative Prayer

The Pastoral Council discussed the rationale for promoting the Dominican form of the Rosary.

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Other Noteworthy Developments

- The Administration Commission has finalized the logo style guide detailing the new logo and its application to collateral materials. Additionally, the Commission will be distributing the newly approved brochure style guide, over the next few weeks, which will be available through the Parish Office. Many thanks to our external advisors, Pier 2 Marketing, in helping us develop and document consistent Parish collateral.
- Jimmy Salcido will represent the parish at the annual Interfaith disaster preparedness session this week.
- The Outreach Commission announced we have a new Parish Nurse, Carol Elliot, RN. She comes from Holy Name of Jesus Church, in San Francisco, and she is sponsored by the Knights of Malta. She will be available to meet with parishioners at home and to advise them on their health issues. Second Spring will be conducting a workshop that is open to all parishioners about avoiding fraud and identity theft on June 2 at 11:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall.