

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 June meeting. The next Leadership Night is July 12, 2010.

WELCOMING

The **Community Life Commission** coordinated **Newcomer's Orientations** with great success on May 15-16 after most Masses. More than 25 individuals registered for membership with St. Dominic's. The Commission secured several new volunteers to work as ambassadors to greet new members, answer questions and welcome them to the parish. The next Newcomer's Orientation will be held July 11-12. On May 16, we began to offer hospitality, called **"Café Minuto,"** after the 11:30 a.m. Mass; more than 50 parishioners participated and were treated to coffee and goodies hosted by parishioners from the 11:30 Mass. This hospitality will continue every 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. We want to thank the many volunteers who supported this community-building activity.

Today, June 13 is the kick-off meeting for the next **StrengthsFinder** series of workshops. This particular event is by invitation and limited to 25 participants. The workshop is a great opportunity to discover your talents and grow them into your strengths.

Jimmy Salcido, from the Outreach Commission, reported that there are **26 ushers** who are officially signed up to work at the various Masses. We are in the process updating and expanding our list of ushers. We plan to have announcements during Mass and an insert in the bulletin to recruit new people.

Because half of the **Spiritual & Liturgical Life Commission** members are very or relatively new to the Leadership Group, we took time during the meeting to revisit the history and results learned from our parish assessment by the Parish Evaluation Project team, first begun in 2007. The meeting proved a helpful opportunity to refocus on how we got to this point and how we want to move forward. New projects are in development.

"Parishioner Engagement at St. Dominic's" was the main topic of conversation at the **Pastoral Council**. Kerry Rocker gave the group a thorough briefing on effective potential uses of the Gallup survey material and co-led, with Shelley Goodale, a discussion on its integration with the **StrengthsFinder Program**.

SHARING OUR STORIES

The **Outreach Commission** in conjunction with the **Young Adults** group has scheduled our next **Speed**

Mingling Party on June 24, from 7:30-9:00 p.m., in St. Dominic's Parish Hall. Modeled after speed networking, it's a fast fun way to meet new people. After 30 minutes of speed mingling, we'll enjoy an informal party with music and snacks.

BROADENING ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The **Formation Commission** discussed recent events for the Family & Children Faith Formation. There was a beautiful **Confirmation Mass** with 8 youths at St. Mary's Cathedral on May 16. The catechists held a potluck dinner to celebrate the end of the year and share stories from this year's classes. FCFF is planning a **Summer Vacation Bible School**, June 21-25, for children, ages 3 through 10. Registrations are being accepted. FCFF is hosting a **catechist formation course** for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd on August 10-14. People from all over California will attend. We hope to expand our pre-K and kindergarten classes by training more catechists. In **Youth Ministry**, teenagers are working hard to find more members. Michael Smith, Director of Religious Education, visited a religion class at Stuart Hall High School to distribute parish information.

In **Adult Faith Formation**, Father Gregory Tatum, O.P., presented **"St. Paul in Context"** on Tuesday, June 1, which explored the letters of St. Paul in the context of his life and teachings. The presentation was very well received with more than 80 people in attendance. This series will continue with **"Jesus in Context,"** presented by Scott Moyer and Fr. Xavier Lavagetto, on Tuesday evenings through July 27. Dominican Novices Brother Chris and Brother Christopher are presenting a series entitled **"We Believe in the Holy Spirit"** on Tuesday afternoons, June 8-July 6. The **Called and Gifted Workshop**, a program that teaches individuals how to discover their unique spiritual gifts, will be held on June 25-26.

OTHER NOTEWORTHY DEVELOPMENTS

- Jimmy Salcido represented St. Dominic's at the annual interfaith disaster preparedness session.
- The **Administration Commission** is in the final stage of completing a parish-wide brochure template and corresponding style guide. Upon completion, the brochure and guideline will be available through the Parish Office. We are also exploring a website redesign effort, including a needs and scope of work assessment. A bulletin advertisement seeking a program manager to help manage this effort is forthcoming. If interested, please leave a message for the Commission at the Parish Office. Finally, the **Finance Council** had its quarterly meeting, noting that the parish will likely finish in positive territory for the fiscal year ending June 30. The parish continues to operate under conservative fiscal discipline given the ongoing macroeconomic uncertainty.

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