



ST. DOMINIC'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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 January meeting. The next Leadership Night is February 7, 2011

WELCOMING

The Outreach Commission reports that **Ushers/Greeters are needed** for all the Masses, so if you can volunteer, please contact the Lead Usher at the Steiner St. entrance before Mass to help with bulletins, song sheets, and or the collection baskets. Sister Anne and **Community Services** gratefully appreciate the volunteers who assisted at the **Christmas Store, Luncheon,** and giving of gifts for 280 families. A blessed time was enjoyed by all.

The Community Life Commission held **Newcomer's Orientation** after Masses last weekend. They will implement new marketing efforts to inform the parish community of upcoming orientations. The next Newcomer's Orientation will be held on **March 12-13.** On Sunday, January 23, there will be registration for the next **"Strength Finders"** series. This series is open to all members of the parish. The first session will start **Sunday, February 13.** On Sunday January 9, **Hospitality** after 11:30 a.m. Mass started for the year. This was a great opportunity to have coffee and goodies compliments of other parishioners. We want to thank the many volunteers that participated and supported this community building activity. The **Parish Advent Christmas Party** was a smash hit and a living example of the true spirit of community that thrives here! More than 200 parishioners of all ages gathered together in joy and unity to celebrate the spirit of Advent and to experience a glimpse of a *Candy Cane Christmas.*

BROADENING ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The Formation Commission discussed details for upcoming programs including efforts to produce video webcasts of Our Journey of Faith series, **"We Celebrate: The Eucharist,"** which will begin on **Tuesday, January 25.** This 4-week series will be held in the Church and will include a liturgical tour, a lecture on the Jewish roots of the Eucharist as well as an explanation and walk-through of the Mass. The Formation Commission discussed topics and formats of future programs and events and new ideas for enhancing some of the ongoing formation programs. We received enthusiastic approval from the

Pastoral Council for a new joint event between the Formation and Community Life Commissions called **"Dinner with the Saints,"** which will take place during the Easter season. We provided reflection questions to all commissions in advance of a 20-minute talk to be presented at the leadership meeting on February 7. The talk will focus on the meaning and purpose of our Parish Covenant (found on the front of the Sunday bulletin).

ENCOURAGING CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

The Spiritual & Liturgical Life Commission will finalize the details for the **directed silent retreat** during next month's commission meeting. In addition, the commission is identifying ways to enrich parishioners' lives with spiritually supportive material that people can take home with them. We will also develop materials to inform parishioners about the **Revised Roman Missal.**

SHARING OUR STORIES

The Outreach Commission reports that the **Social Justice Council** is setting the dates and speakers for the **Lenten Soup & Speaker Series to begin March 11.** The first topic will be the Ugandan children of war. **The Speed Mingling Party** is Thursday, February 10, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. If you haven't attended this event, please come & bring a friend.

OTHER NOTEWORTHY DEVELOPMENTS

The Outreach Commission reports that **Second Spring** is collecting **non-prescription reading glasses** (in good condition) to distribute to those in need of them. Contact Jimmy Salcido at athirdhand@Yahoo.com or (415) 753-1272. Thanks!

The Administration Commission has embarked on a **website project** intended to enhance the quality and quantity of information available to the parish community. Currently the project leader is assessing what changes are needed. The Commission is also in the process of assembling a **Communications Committee** charged with developing a comprehensive strategy aimed at improving all aspects of parish and community communications.