



ST. DOMINIC'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Every month the Leadership Commissions meet to discuss their progress on **four major parish initiatives for 2011: welcoming, sharing our stories, broadening adult faith formation, and encouraging contemplative prayer.** This report highlights the efforts specific to these goals at the most recent meeting. The next Leadership Night is November 7, 2011.

WELCOMING

From the Outreach Commission: **Community Services:** Sister Anne reports some new guests and returnees to Lima Center, a reflection of the loss of jobs and the low economy. She will summarize the services provided next month. **Ushers/Greeters:** Jimmy Salcido is working on getting an online link set up for sign-up/scheduling, and communication among servers. A First Aid session will be scheduled in October.

The **Administration Commission** will establish an on-going venue to post opportunities for parishioners to learn about volunteer needs of the parish and will investigate the potential for posting a large Advent-oriented welcome message banner on the school building, facing east.

From the Community Life Commission: The next **Newcomer's Orientation** will be held on Nov. 12-13 after most Masses. Members of the Community Life Commission will be on-hand to sign up new Parishioners or Associate Members. Our "**Living Your Strength Journey**" will begin today. This journey will lead over 35 parishioners to discover their god-given strengths. Our next session is planned for spring 2012.

BROADENING ADULT FAITH FORMATION

From the Outreach Commission: **Jail Ministry** has new ministers are being vetted for service, a process that can take up to 3 months. Much appreciation to Deacon Chuck & servers.

The Formation Commission was pleased with the response to **Commitment Sunday** on Sept. 18. More than 220 people completed Commitment Cards. We are inputting the information received and responding to the people who indicated they would like help in making their commitment or would like to make a three-year commitment. The Commission discussed its responsibilities concerning instruction on the **New Translation of the Mass. The first instruction session is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 30.** We also discussed the Formation Commission's ideas for making our parish more welcoming to those outside of the parish community. The Formation ministries report that last week's **Sunday Morning Series** was attended by 15 people who watched and discussed Episode 1 of Fr. Robert Barron's series entitled *Catholicism*. The program was very well received and parts two and three will be scheduled for future dates. The first of the four-part series **We Believe: God is Love** began on Tuesday, Oct. 4.

ENCOURAGING CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

The Spiritual Life and Liturgy Commission is planning a **Mind, Body, Spirit Retreat** in the spring. This will be in addition to the weekend silent retreat. Last weekend St. Dominic's started using some of the **new translation** at some of the Masses. Pew Cards will be mailed to registered parishioners later this month. St. Dominic's is producing a **Missal** with the new text and these will be placed in the pews on Advent Sunday.

OTHER NOTEWORTHY DEVELOPMENTS

- **Parish council:** Tim Farrell gave a report regarding the parishioner comments collected in the church over the past weeks.