

# ST. DOMINIC'S LEADERSHIP REPORT

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On June 1, 2009, St. Dominic's held its monthly Leadership Night. The following is a brief summary of each commission's meeting and its goals.

## Administration

**Finance and Development** reports that their focus is on wrapping up the current fiscal year and developing a budget for the coming fiscal year, which begins on July 1. Work continues on the North Transept windows in the church, and the committee is discussing how to phase future building repair work. The **AutoCheck** team will be following up with newly registered parishioners to determine why they chose to either opt in or out of the AutoCheck program. **Communications** reports that the Web site has been moved to a different hosting company in an effort to improve access reliability. The Web site has also undergone a recent face-lift, with refinement of the content to follow. **Gardening** had a good turnout last month, with several new members. A site walk was conducted with consultants from GreenWorks, who will aid the Gardening Group in refining the layout of the current inventory and assisting with landscape design. **Building and Grounds** reports that the electronic data backup will be conducted during the week of June 8. The **Building Maintenance Manual** is also progressing, as pricing will be obtained for a piece of software customized to meet St. Dominic's needs.

## Community Life

The members of the Community Life Commission planned for the **Newcomers' Orientations** to be held after the 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Masses on Sunday, June 28. By then we intend to have the updated **Ministry Booklet** to hand out. We also discussed methods for increasing parishioner engagement, such as by holding annual or semi-annual social events for parishioners active in the various ministries at St. Dominic's. In addition, we plan to have a presence at the **Called and Gifted Workshop** (June 12-13) to inform and invite people to Parish ministries.

## Formation

The Formation commission reported that it has identified several areas of interest in new ways to share the rich formation tools and media available at St. Dominic's. In particular, it is initiating a program of **recording audio** (and in the future, video) archives which can possibly be podcast, placed on the parish Web site or reproduced for sale. This effort begins with the Patristics series that commenced last Tuesday.

## Outreach

We discussed plans for the **Outreach Appreciation Night** to be held in late September. Ideas on how to stimulate recruitment of parishioners to serve on the Commission or in the Outreach Ministries were also discussed. A flier summarizing opportunities and tasks is in development. Sister Anne proposed some candidates who will be contacted to evaluate their interest in joining our efforts.

## Spiritual & Liturgical Life

The SLLC will meet offsite to develop a plan to assess how the parish meets people's spiritual needs. It will build on the work done with Gallup ME25 Survey reviewed in a recent meeting at the Archdiocese. St. Dominic's scored well in this area and we want to build on those strengths. We will also discuss the SLLC mission.

## Pastoral Council

The pastoral council had a short meeting this month. We heard from Spiritual Life about their plans for **stewardship month in July**, the liturgy commission, and to figure out why St. Dominic's scored so well in the Gallup ME25 Survey on the subject of meeting parishioners' spiritual needs. On the topic of the Gallup ME25 Survey and the StrengthsFinder program, the Community Life commission told us about their successful recent gathering of parish leadership and Catholic leaders from around San Francisco to discuss the StrengthsFinder program and do some strengths development. Stay tuned for events and opportunities to learn about StrengthsFinder and how to discover your personal strengths.