

ST. DOMINIC'S LEADERSHIP REPORT



On July 13, 2009, St. Dominic's held its monthly Leadership Night. The following is a brief summary of each commission's meeting and its goals.

Administration

The Administration Commission discussed the recently-concluded fiscal year-end, spending reductions for the upcoming year, plans for the AAA drive, delivery of the financial report in the Fall and extra-diligence in cost containment. **Buildings and Grounds** announced that needed electrical work on lighting alongside the modulars will be generously donated by the contractor ASF Electric. B&G also saved almost 50% on a facilities management tool that will save meaningful time and effort. Less critical projects will be postponed. **Gardening** volunteers continue to report in solid numbers to help beautify the campus. The commission will now turn substantial attention to its remaining two goals from the 2007 parish assessment.

Community Life

Fifteen new parishioners were welcomed into St. Dominic's during our Welcome Registration during Jun 13-14. Over the next several weeks, we'll call them to make sure they feel at home. We've had some of our largest **Coffee Minutes** since the enhanced Family Mass (at 9:30 a.m.) began this summer. With the Family & Children Faith Formation on summer break, more families and children are stopping by for conversations after Mass. Coffee Ministers are joining with members of Second Spring and the Detention Ministers to prepare the **celebration for Sr. Anne Bertain after the 9:30 a.m. Mass on July 26**. All parishioners are invited to attend.

Formation

Our meeting focused on furthering our **media program**. We are taping the **Early Church Series** with our goal to edit and post it to the Web as soon as we can. In addition, we will meet with a group of parishioners who have expressed interests in assisting us with our media program. Two parishioners have stepped forward to form a **small group Bible study** program. They will begin in September with the hope that initial attendees will then go on to form groups of their own.

Outreach

Sister Anne introduced, and commission members welcomed, Mark Bollman. We gave a brief orientation to the parish organizational structure, ministries, and functions of the commission. Jimmy Salcido reported on the Parish Council meeting. De'Anna Castro reported on the **Community Service Advisory Committee** meeting. Diana Morris Wild, the chairperson, is planning the **Mass of Remembrance, on Saturday, August 8, at 10:00 a.m.** A reception will follow. Sister Anne suggested that **October be Community Outreach month**. There will be an **Outreach Volunteers Appreciation Reception, on Thursday, October 8, 6:30-8:30 p.m.** An invitation will be in the bulletin closer to the date. Tim Farrell and Jimmy Salcido will remain as representatives on the Parish Council. We are actively recruiting new commission members. St. Dominics is hosting **Life Line Screening on August 6** in the Parish Hall. Brochures are at the church entrances, and pre-registration is required. This is an important screening for stroke prevention.

Spiritual & Liturgical Life

The Spiritual & Liturgical Life Commission finalized its plans for learning more from parishioners about why St. Dominic's scored so high on a recent **Gallup survey** about member engagement. In response to the Gallup survey's statement "**In my parish, my spiritual needs are met**" St. Dominic's parishioners gave our parish ratings much higher than the national average. We next seek to hear, through qualitative stories we hope to collect, how we came to score so well in such an important area – an exercise that we'll introduce at Masses in August. If we can understand what we're doing right, we can ensure that we maintain and build upon this momentum. Stay tuned for more information from the pulpit.

Pastoral Council

The pastoral council met briefly in July to discuss succession planning. Both co-chairs will be stepping down in September; we hope to choose new co-chairs during the August meeting. We also heard from the Spiritual Life commission on their efforts to better understand the results of the **Gallup Poll** taken at St. Dominic's in the spring. Spiritual Life will be sharing not only their findings, but also the methodology for building an **"Impact plan,"** so that other commissions can investigate poll results that relate to their area of focus.