

ST. DOMINIC'S LEADERSHIP REPORT



On August 31, 2009, St. Dominic's held its monthly Leadership Night. The following is a brief summary of each commission's meeting and its goals.

Administration

Buildings and Grounds reported progress on implementing facilities management software and agreeing with the staff on the process for creating and maintaining the information. It was agreed that B&G will migrate from an active and on-going set of generalist "doers" to a network of professional experts who can be called upon to work on specific short-term projects that demand their individual specialties. Automated data backups are now being conducted for the PDS and QuickBooks portions of the server database. **Finance** reported that August collections were better than the year ago period and that a random survey of 200-300 parishioners will be conducted to gather the likes/dislikes of **Autocheck**, a critical tool for parish financial management. An **Archbishop's Annual Appeal** follow-up push is scheduled for September to close the \$64K gap to reach our \$185K assessment. The group also welcomed **Michele Lagos**, who has volunteered to help manage a renewed effort at implementing a logo for all parish communications.

Community Life

The Community Life Commission reviewed the status of the **Parish Ministry Booklet** and Involvement Form. We expect the booklet to be ready sometime in September, while work on the Involvement Form continues because we still need help in doing the design and layout. We discussed the Parish events of August, and both the Medieval Meal and the Story Sharing went exceedingly well. For next month, we would like to plan a social event for those involved in Community Life ministries to come together. Finally, next month we start work on planning the **Parish Christmas Party**.

Formation

Good things are happening in September and October. This Tuesday, September 8, **RCIA** begins a new session; if you want to participate, contact Scott Moyer at 674-0422 or Scott@stdominics.org. The **Family and Children Faith Formation Program** starts September 20 with an Orientation Meeting for parents and children at 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall, with classes continuing on subsequent Sundays from 10:30-11:30 a.m. This program includes classes for children of all ages, starting at age 3. Contact Michael Smith at 674-0446 or DRE@Stdominics.org If you are interested in **joining**

our Formation Commission please contact: Scott Moyer at 674-0422 or Scott@stdominics.org; Michael Smith at 674-0446 or DRE@stdominics.org; or Jay Hurley at (650) 375.1140 or JHurley@allcalifornia.com.

Outreach

Jimmy Salcido and Tim Farrell presented ways we might foster welcoming parishioners to be more engaged in the various ministries, such as **"information minute"** similar to Coffee Minute after Masses. Plans for the **Outreach Appreciation Reception**, October 8 are in final stages. There will be a **Harvest Bake Sale** on October 17 & 18 after the Masses to raise funds for our Community Services Programs. Please donate to or support this effort. **Social Justice** will hold a story and information meeting on health care issues and legislation on October 22. Watch for the time and place.

Spiritual & Liturgical Life

The **Spiritual & Liturgical Life Commission** is happy to report that your stories are pouring in -- those stories that tell us more about what drew you to St. Dominic's in the first place and what keeps you coming back. Once we've compiled these stories (we'll stop soliciting your feedback -- through response cards positioned in the pews -- after Labor Day Masses), we'll report our findings in this bulletin. Our primary objective is to understand how St. Dominic's is meeting your spiritual needs. The more we know about you and what you value about this parish, the more effective we hope to be in building a stronger community of actively engaged parishioners. Through your experiences, we hope to understand what moves people to call St. Dominic's their spiritual home and build upon that momentum.

Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council met August 25 for dinner and a discussion about long-term goals for the parish and the leadership commissions. Four key themes for future direction emerged from the discussion: **opportunities for welcome; adult faith formation; awareness of the potential for contemplative practice; and the stewardship of stories**. During the Leadership Night meeting, the Council began making plans for ways to put these into action and defined assignments for each commission. **Jim Considine** joined the Council as a new representative for the Administration Commission.

After several years of dedicated and greatly appreciated work, the Council co-chairs, **Larry Januzzi** and **Andrew Martinez-Fonts**, stepped down from the Council. We would like to extend a heartfelt and grateful "Thank You!" to both of them for their leadership and contributions.