

ST. DOMINIC'S LEADERSHIP REPORT



On January 11, 2010, St. Dominic's held its monthly Leadership Night. The following is a brief summary of each commission's meeting and its goals. The next meeting is February 1, 2010.

Administration

The **Building & Grounds Committee** will solicit volunteers of all talents related to facility maintenance via a forthcoming bulletin announcement. The objective is to maintain a list of these individuals & businesses that can be of service on an as-needed basis for facility-related projects. The **Communications Committee** selected and met with a volunteer graphic design firm who will work with the staff and committee to finalize a new parish logo and implement it on our marketing collateral. They also have an e-mail distribution project underway that will complement bulletin information in a more real-time manner.

Community Life

The **Parish Advent Party** was a huge success, with many parishioners attending and a great job in putting it on by all the volunteers involved. The 2010 version of the **Parish Ministry Booklet** was completed and has been reformatted to be easier to update in the future. We are moving forward with our next **story-sharing activity**, starting with a training session for facilitators.

Formation

The Commission prepared for the working retreat scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 30. The goal of the retreat is to begin to build the framework for an overall faith formation program at St. Dominic's. This plan is consistent with the emphasis placed on lay formation by Vatican II and the goal set in 1995 by the Western Dominican Province to make lay formation a top priority. St. Dominic's is currently comprised of mostly single individuals, however that is changing due to the success of the **Family and Children Faith Formation** program. Our parish membership is very mobile as evidenced by figures from 2000 that indicate that 40 percent of parishioners move to another parish within 5 years. With this in mind our goal is to prepare people not only for their role of discipleship while at St. Dominic's but also for their next parish and beyond.

Outreach

Sister Anne expressed greatest appreciation for the generosity of parishioners who made the **Christmas Party** and **Homeless Luncheon** wonderful events. The kids loved the gifts, and the luncheon guests received jeans, underwear, socks, and hooded sweatshirts. St.

Dominic's will be a location for the **Census** taker's test. Passing the test is one of the requirements to earn \$22.50 per hour as a census counter. Contact Sister Anne for further information. The commission is continuing to plan a **"Speed Mingling" Party** to have fun and learn more about each other in our parish. Details will follow in a flier. **Social Justice** will sponsor their Lenten Series on Immigration issues. The film *La Posada* will be shown on the first week of Lent, with story sharing, and speakers in the following weeks. Mark your calendar!

Spiritual & Liturgical Life

The Spiritual & Liturgical Life Commission discussed goals and objectives for 2010. Among the items discussed was the development and production of **weekly readings**, which would help people prepare for Sunday Mass. There was also a discussion of ways to increase understanding and participation of **contemplative practices** at St. Dominic's. The Commission is looking for volunteers to format/finalize write-ups and someone to tend the printer for special printouts.

Pastoral Council

The current point person for adding content to the website is Scott Moyer. **Story telling:** there is a training being held tomorrow evening for having conversations with the goal of having each participant contact seven people for seven stories in seven weeks. **Welcoming goals:** We still want to get the rooms outfitted to make the coffee minutes run smoothly and easily for all Masses; we want to form a "welcomer's group." There were 40 people who registered this weekend - most Associate members. **Formation:** There is an Adult Faith Formation 6 hr retreat / planning session on the 30th of this month. They will prepare for the retreat by addressing several questions to help facilitate discussions and a plan going forward; while keeping in mind the idea that this is a life long formation helping adults and young people transition to become adults in faith. We talked briefly about being another hub for DSTP and potentially offer classes to audit electronically. **Contemplation Practices:** we discussed making them more well-known, and having all parishioners feel invited to them. Mariana will research the Dominican forms of Devotions/Rosary. Homily feedback mechanisms are being developed with the notion of "*How do you help the preacher be a better preacher.*" The "*Living the Gospels*" types of readings are being distributed and it would be nice to get feedback. It was discussed how long the Podcasts and Lay Reflections should be archived.