

ST. DOMINIC'S LEADERSHIP REPORT



On March 1, 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 April 12, 2010.

Administration

The Administration Commission reported solid progress on all three of its communication efforts. With the generous guidance of our outside (pro bono) design firm, the logo work is complete and awaits rollout; marketing collateral (business cards, stationary, etc.) is in final internal review for simultaneous rollout with the logo; and we received the first draft of a tri-fold template which – after a usability test by volunteers from various commissions – will serve as the basis for many of the marketing brochures produced by parish staff and volunteers. A subsequent effort will extend this template to the parish's paper materials of other shapes and sizes.

Community Life

Ray Garcia and H Hughes have officially joined the Community Life Commission. We also had Marlene Sawyer visiting as a representative of the Young Adults Group. We have had a tremendous response to our *Living Your Strengths* workshop, with 25 people attending the initial meeting in February. In March, we are having Newcomers' Orientations after the Masses on March 13-14 and we are hosting a St. Patrick's Day dinner on Wed., March 17. Also, we are planning for the Easter Vigil Reception on April 3.

Formation

The Faith Formation Commission continues its work on drafting a framework for a faith formation program. We have formed working groups to further develop four key areas of the framework. These include mission, vision, stages of formation and focus on the Gospels and experience with Jesus. The RCIA catechumens and candidates celebrated the Rite of Sending and the Rite of Election on Sunday, February 21. Please keep those who are preparing to enter the Church at Easter, and all those in the RCIA program, in your prayers throughout this Lenten season. Family and Children's Faith Formation has three events coming up in March including a Lenten Supper with Family Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 12; a Family Reconciliation Service on Tuesday, March 16; and a Confirmation Retreat on Sunday, March 21.

Outreach

Jimmy Salcido announced CPR training for ushers, clergy, and any others for Saturday, March 6. Contact him at athirdhand@yahoo.com if you are interested in future sessions. The Social Justice Lenten Series hosted 30-35 people for *La Posada*, a film on immigration. At the next

meeting, Friday, March 5, at 6:15 p.m., in the Parish Hall, there will be sharing of immigration stories which will end in time for Stations of the Cross at 7:30 p.m. Priss Benbow announced that final plans for the Speed Mingling event are in progress. Please see the posters and fliers, and plan to come! Sister Anne reported for Deacon Chuck McNeil, that the Detention Ministry has 18-20 volunteers, the largest jail ministry in the area. The Grief Ministry is serving 6-7 persons as well. Sister Anne has 4 new cooks for the Lima Center in response to her request in the bulletin. Thank you so much.

Spiritual & Liturgical Life

The Spiritual & Liturgical Life Commission spent most of the February meeting fine tuning a take-home brochure, which outlines and describes the various contemplative practices available at St. Dominic's. These practices include a weekly Christian Meditation prayer group, concerts of sacred music, monthly All-Night Adoration opportunities inside the church, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and many other activities. We'll have this document ready for you by Easter. Stay tuned, too, for more information about a Silent Retreat we've begun to plan.

Pastoral Council

- Administration will have a usability group set up to provide feedback on the marketing material - so nice progress is being made.
- Community Life is still in need of another pastoral council member. They have had four new members join their group recently adding great insight.
- Faith Formation is "approaching being close to their goal" of having a schema for an adult faith formation program. They have formed actions groups to address four key areas that may form the foundation: 1. Mission Statement; 2. Vision; 3. Stages of Formation; 4. Focus on the Experience with Jesus.
- Coffee Minutes/Welcoming: Jimmy will speak with Michael Rossi to get the desired coffee maker purchased and installed which will then hopefully jump start this group.
- The story telling program is moving forward with a follow up meeting occurring on Wednesday, March 3, to see how the group is doing reaching out to parishioners.
- The brochure from Contemplative Practices will be ready by Easter.