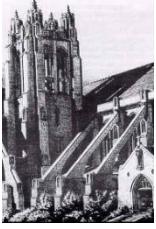


ST. DOMINIC'S LEADERSHIP REPORT



Every month the Leadership Commissions meet to discuss their progress on **four major parish initiatives for 2010: welcoming; sharing our stories, broadening adult faith formation, and encouraging contemplative prayer.** This report highlights the efforts specific to these goals at the June meeting. The next Leadership Night is August 2, 2010.

WELCOMING

From the Community Life Commission:

- Newcomer's Welcome Meetings were held the weekend of July 11-12 after most Masses. More than 10 individuals registered with St. Dominic's. The next Newcomer's Welcome Meetings will be held Sept. 11-12.
- On June 13 and July 11, Hospitality after the 11:30 a.m. Mass hosted more than 150 parishioners for coffee and goodies complements of other parishioners from the 11:30 Mass. This hospitality will continue every second and fourth Sunday. We thank the many volunteers who support this community-building activity.
- On Sunday June 27, we hosted a Bon Voyage Party for Fr. Francis. This festive event was held in the Parish Hall, and parishioners were there to wish him safe travels.

The Spiritual & Liturgical Life Commission continues to examine our Welcome program here and will discuss with other Commissions. We can always use more Usher/Greeters. If this ministry is calling you, please approach a current Usher or contact the Director of Liturgy, Simon Berry, at 674-0430.

SHARING OUR STORIES

The Community Life Commission reported that on Sunday, July 11, kicked off the next StrengthsFinders series of workshops. 32 participants representing the parish community are discovering their talents and learning how to develop them into strengths. The next series will be held in the fall specifically for the Young Adults Group.

The Outreach Commission reported that the Social Justice Committee will host its second Haiti Lecture Event on July 29 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Erin O'Donnell, a parishioner and nurse, will share her impressions and stories about her recent visits to Haiti.

BROADENING ADULT FAITH FORMATION

From the Formation Commission:

- Vacation Bible School for Pre-school and kindergarten was a success. We had 11 participants.
- We had a weekday Mass with Children's homily, followed by a Family Potluck. Twenty-three participants, both English and Spanish speakers, joined for casserole, games, and conversation on the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist.
- 10 registrants have already signed up for the week-long Catechesis of the Good Shepherd training in early August. We still need parishioners to volunteer to host our out-of-town guests during August 9-14. The announcement has been in the bulletin for three weeks. We are grateful that, so far, one parishioner has opened up his home.
- The series "Jesus in Context" has been well attended with approximately 50 people at each session.
- The Formation Commission submitted a revised draft of the formation schema to the Pastoral Council. The draft was well received with specific suggestions to be incorporated.
- The Formation Commission has been discussing utilizing the language of *Seeker, Disciple, Apostle* as a means of talking with parishioners about our common journey of faith. We distributed a flyer on this topic to the various commissions and will answer questions at the August Leadership Meeting.

The Spiritual & Liturgical Life Commission has been tasked to work with Fr. Xavier on development of a weekly series called *Living the Gospel*. This will be a printed handout you can take home after Mass each week, in which you'll find reflections on the following week's Old Testament, New Testament, and Gospel readings. With this handout as a prayer guide, we might enter together more deeply into the Good News, by spending time at home to prepare for it.

The Pastoral Council discussed the *Faith Formation Program for the Entire Parish*. This is a life-long, faith formation journey, addressing the different stages of the journey that parishioners are on using the nomenclature of *Seeker, Disciple, Apostle*. Next month's Leadership Meeting will focus on this topic.

ENCOURAGING CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

The Outreach Commission is hosting a Mass of Remembrance for those who have recently passed

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away; it will be held in the Church on August 7, from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

OTHER NOTEWORTHY DEVELOPMENTS

- The Administration Commission is finalizing font and logistical details for all publication and promotional material for future St Dominic's ministries. Once finalized and signed off, the full style guide and all supporting materials will be available for future groups.
- The Administration Commission is working on an ad seeking a Project Manager for future website redesign work. Once complete, the position will be listed in the bulletin and online.
- The Administration Commission is now re-examining the individual committees and lending needed assistance. They will help Communications with starting the parish e-mail process and help broaden the reach for the Gardening Committee.
- The Community Life Commission welcomes Steve Zeiger as a new commission member.
- The Pastoral Council discussed the parish's potential Disaster Preparedness Plan, which would most likely work in conjunction with the American Red Cross.
- The Pastoral Council has planned the ME25 (Member Engagement) survey will take place again this fall. This survey goes to the heart of an individual's and the congregation's engagement and spiritual commitment, giving the parish a clear picture of the congregation's spiritual health.