

Two Minute Report



The Monthly Leadership Night was held on **Monday, August 3**. A summary of each commission's accomplishments and upcoming events are described in the following **"Two-Minute Report"...**

Education/Faith Formation Commission...

- Is seeking one or two couples to assist with Marriage Preparation. Interested couples should contact Marie Ruff at the Rectory — 779-1166.
- Formed a steering committee to brainstorm various ideas for spiritual growth and education for adults.
- Announced that the children will return for 1/2 day on August 24th.
- The biblical scholar, Fr. Bill Burton will speak on September 3, 17 and 22, and October 1.

Administration Commission...

- Has asked the Parish Council to design a template for each commission to track their progress towards achieving the goals as outlined in the 5-year plan.
- The Finance Board's goal of centralizing all parish auxiliary accounts will take place this year, beginning with the Leisure Club account which should make life easier for the treasurer's of these groups.
- Grant-In-Aid has approved 5 requests for a total of \$16,000 of tuition assistance with another 3 to discuss.
- Debbie Tanis, Director of Development started on 7/30.

Human Concerns Commission...

- Respect Life reported great success with the diaper project. Upcoming campaigns will include the Maria Shelter fundraiser at a White Sox game. Labor Day is Mission Sunday with visitors for Peace. Peace & Justice is working to help the parish undergo recycling in parish facilities with the goal of going green. They will also discuss the possibility of selling fair trade good with County Fair. Outreach opportunities for the winter months are being discussed.

Spiritual Life Commission...

- Current goals were amended to include a new goal to become familiar with the translation of the Roman Missal. The second music ministry kick-off for all vicariate music ministers is Tuesday, September 22. The Art & Environment committee is looking into a workshop with Phil Horrigan. New co-chairs of A&E are Colleen Mulchrone and Barb Majeski. Bishop Gustavo's 25th anniversary celebration will be held at CK on 8/16 @ 2pm for the C Deanery.

Parish Life Commission...

- Parish Life discussed and revised their goals for the Development Plan. The Fall Festival is being planned for Saturday, September 25th following the 4:00 Mass.

Parish Council...

- Parish Council discussed several administrative member matters, such as Commissions, Council and Leadership terms of service, Communication to the Parish Council before and after meetings, and Council member responsibilities for the upcoming year.
- Parish Council discussed their 2009-2010 goals:
 - Direct implementation of the Development Plan
 - Oversee completion and implementation of 5 Year Financial Plan
- Improve overall communication within the Parish.
- Parish Council agreed that the following would be the new Parish Theme: "St. Barnabas - making a difference through faith, family and friendship."
- Parish Council agreed that the following would remain our Parish Tagline: "St. Barnabas A Catholic Community of Faith Family & Friends"

As you can see, much is happening. Thank you to all the commission members and for all the volunteers who make St. Barnabas such a vibrant parish. Your gifts of time, talent, and treasure are truly appreciated!

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, September 14th**. Welcome back!