

# REPORT

## St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Adult Spiritual Development Committee

January, 13th, 2010

TO: St. Thomas Aquinas PSC Members, Staff and Interested Parishioners

### General

(a) Mission statement for ASDC:

*“Plan, organize and implement opportunities for the St. Thomas Aquinas community to deepen and grow their awareness, experience and gratitude toward God while complementing our existing spiritual formation activities.”*

(b) Meetings: Committee met in July, August, and October (twice) and has not met since

(c) The Faith Connection: Weekly insert in parish bulletin – was discontinued in Sept. as per Fr. George financial cutbacks

(d) Celebration Online: Investigating this Spiritual Reflection material resource which is available by e-mail to entire parish community.

### On-Going Activities

(a) Baptism Catechesis: Every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month  
STA Pastoral Center – 10:30AM – 12:30PM  
Conducted by Deacon Carl Bunje and Gerard McGuire  
80% of attendees are “on hold” (i.e not practicing)

(b) Chinese Faith Sharing: Now every other Wednesday due to the STA events  
At Dermody Center – 7:30PM – 9:15PM  
9 members (usually 7/8 per week)  
Have been meeting together since 1996  
Activities in English – use “At Home with the Word”

(c) Scripture Study Group: Meet every Thursday at SAG Hospitality Center  
10:00AM – 11:15AM  
Usually 5 -7 people

(d) Catechetical parents: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month at OLR from 9:15AM – 10:15AM  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at SAG from 10:15AM – 11:15AM  
Run by Sue Clingingsmith (OLR) & Hal Fletcher (SAG)  
Usually 10 – 40 adults

(e) Adoration: At STA church every Wednesday after 12:15PM mass  
At OLR Church every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday 7:00PM – 10:00PM (Spanish)

(f) Intercessory Prayer: Ongoing activity

(h) Spirituality Tuesdays: Started in October 2009 and will run through April 2010  
1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday – Faith Formation, Transformation  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday – Scripture and Faith Sharing  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday – Prayer  
4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday – Burning Bush

### **Past Activities**

- (a) Centering Prayer: Group Mediation sessions at STA Pastoral Center  
Every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month [no longer active]
- (b) Renew Group: Broke up a couple of years ago after been together for 12 years  
Used to meet at Army Buchholtz house (now in nursing home)
- (c) Marriage Preparation: Have not been done at parish for 2/3 years
  - Conducted by Justine & Bob Franklin
  - 5 weeks at 1.5 Hours with lesson Plan booklet
  - Now couples sent to San Francisco {Marriage for Life} or San Jose {Engage Encounter}
- (d) Healing Prayer: Jean Ramacciotti periodically conducted evenings or sessions during year
- (g) Medjugore Prayer: Every Tuesday at Dermody Center

### **Future Events**

- (a) Parish Retreat: “The Year of the Priest” - Mystically Humanity of Christ {Mike McDevitt}  
Sat. Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> 2010 - 9:00AM – 4:00PM  
Around 40+ parishioners signed up

## Stewardship Prayer

Yahweh,  
Creator of all life, goodness and blessings, Divine Architect,  
Giver of our days;  
Risen Jesus,  
Model of generosity,  
Shepherd of our lives;  
Spirit of Wisdom,  
Source of our gifts and talents,  
Our Inspiration and Guide;  
You call us to be loving disciples,  
faithful stewards,  
sharing all you give to us with gratitude and joy.

Bless us with  
generous hearts,  
open minds,  
greater commitment,  
renewed vision,  
so that we may  
grow in Christ and  
accept the challenges of loving service.

May we be a community of faith where  
all are welcomed, nourished, and empowered  
to be Christ for others.

Amen.