

# Spreading the Good News of God's Love . . .

## . . . in our parish . . .



Pedro Bernardo, who serves as head of the Hispanic charismatic group at St. Leo is one of 16 graduates of the first Archdiocesan Latino catechetical certification program *Camino Con Cristo*, a 2 ½ year on-line course of studies to prepare participants for parish ministry.

According to Dina Beach of the Archdiocesan Office of Evangelization and Discipleship, who coordinates the program,

*Camino Con Cristo* forms and empowers leaders to pursue outreach, evangelization, discipleship, catechesis, and many other roles in the parish.

"They are people who deeply love their faith," she said. As catechists they can share it in their parishes and neighborhoods, with family and friends and help integrate the Hispanic community with the larger parish.

St. Leo has been blessed by the growing sense of family among the Hispanics, Anglos, African American, and African members of the parish, especially at Mass.

As Father Jim says, "If we can pray Eucharist together we can do anything together."

## . . . in our neighborhood . . .



St. Leo the Great Parish hosts a Toy & Clothing Sale each year that offers families of limited means the great dignity and opportunity to Christmas shop for their families. New and gently used toys, clothing and some small household items are made available at affordable prices.

The parish does not consider this project to be a fund raiser for the parish, but as a ministry for the residents of our neighborhood. Any funds received from the sale are deposited in our ministry account to be given back to the neighborhood.

For some time, this project has relied heavily on volunteers outside of St. Leo's parish to organize and man the sale. We are proud to report that this year, many of our own parish members took leadership roles in organizing, and running the sale.

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