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### Birthday Corner

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## THE PRESIDENT *Fr. Tom Ascheman, SVD*

### Critical Thinking Acuity

What is that all about? It is the first of the five major missionary skills (ILOs) the College promotes. The DWC Catalogue says, we help students to grow "in the intellectual skills necessary to explore issues, artifacts, and events, before making a decision, accepting or formulating an opinion, or reaching a conclusion."

#### DWC helps students become better thinkers!

Like all human beings, people at DWC want to know what is going on, and how we can deal with it. Critical thinkers guide their knowing and doing by paying attention to perceptions of attractiveness, to thoughts, and to emotions. As we explore both inner and outer experience, we seek what is BEAUTIFUL, TRUE, and GOOD.



The drive to know can be short-circuited by laziness, prejudice, deception, selfishness and lies. In other words, sin can get us off-track. Critical thinking prods us to constantly review our insights, beliefs and decisions. We get back on-track by renewing our attentiveness to experience, seeking intelligible insights, being reasonable in our judgements of "good and bad", and being responsible in our decisions.

(I challenge philosophy students to identify the major influences on my own appreciation of critical thinking acuity. The last three rather dense paragraphs give abundant clues to the work of a philosopher/theologian with whom I first became acquainted when I was a DWC student in the mid-1970s.)

I want to say two further things about critical thinking that are especially important at Divine Word College, a school for mission.



**First, critical thinking embraces religious experience**, along with other realms of experience. We pursue what is beautiful, true and good in GOD-talk just as much as a physicist or economist seeks those values in the physical world or in economic systems.

Not all God-talk is true, some is misleading as Jesus many times reminded his hearers. However, some schools refuse to even consider talk about God and/or religious experience. Some might even deny that such experience is valid. DWC is always interested in the beautiful, true and good for they all lead to the HOLY.

This week in the liturgy, readings from the Book of Wisdom are being presented. A text (Wis 13:5,9) from Friday's Mass:

...from the greatness and the beauty of created things their original author, by analogy, is seen.

...if they so far succeeded in knowledge that they could speculate about the world, how did they not more quickly find its Lord?

**Second, critical thinking embraces loving.** DWC knows that loving is the very energy of God for which we thirst and which drives us forward. Jesuit Fr. Joe Whelan penned some verses that speak of loving as both the holiest and the most practical of all human experience.

As we sort through our large and small loves, our language shifts to "discernment." What do we want to do with our lives? That requires some serious, critical thinking. And it requires falling in love.

See: [America Magazine, God, love and being human](#)

## Finding God

Nothing is more practical than finding God, than falling in Love in a quite absolute, final way.

What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination, will affect everything. It will decide what will get you out of bed in the morning, what you do with your evenings, how you spend your weekends, what you read, whom you know, what breaks your heart, and what amazes you with joy and gratitude.

Fall in Love, stay in love, and it will decide everything.

Fr. Joe Whelan SJ - 1981

You're invited to a ZOOM presentation!

# National Recycle Day

12 pm Wednesday  
Room 107



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## Divine Word College Honor Scholarships

DWC Honor Scholarships are awarded to students at Divine Word College to honor many SVD confreres, alumni, friends of the College and their families. These scholarships help to pay the educational expenses of the student recipients. The Board of Administration approved 16 students to receive one or more scholarships during the current academic year. The honor scholarships awarded for this year total \$82,500.



**Amedeo Cacciamani Scholarship:** in memory of an Italian immigrant who moved to America as a teenager in hopes of building a better life. He realized that dream when he started a career with the railroad, married and became the father of four sons.

- Sr. Paschaline Dzelimnyuy Kengran
- Benedict Pau Mun Khual



**Annunziata Cacciamani Scholarship:** established by alumnus Dr. Richard Mani, M.D. named in memory of his mother. It is said that she was the driving force for her family in terms of ambition and spirituality.

- Antz-Carly Cadet
- Angel Luis Rodriguez Fuentes



**Divine Word Missionary Brothers Scholarship:** honors all Divine Word Missionary Brothers, both living and deceased. These dedicated servants of Christ live a consecrated life and carry out their mission through ministry in a variety of fields. During his time as a seminarian with the SVDs, Dr. Mani was inspired by Divine Word Brothers and wanted to highlight their significant contributions to the success of SVD missions around the world.

- Kim Hoa Pham



**Fr. Robert J. Flinn, SVD Scholarship:** honors an accomplished educator, author, canon lawyer, medical ethicist, and former Divine Word College trustee.

- Kim Hoa Pham
- Leo Do Kim Tuang
- Son Hoang Vu
- Peter Mathias Brungardt



**Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters & Holy Spirit Adoration Sisters:** were founded by St. Arnold Janssen. Dr. Richard Mani, an alumnus, noted that during his time as a seminarian, SSpS Sisters worked at the school in a variety of domestic roles. He found them to be the humblest women he has ever met. This scholarship is dedicated to their hard work and selfless sacrifices.



- Sr. Hilda Alonyo
- Sr. Thoa Thi Pham

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**Alfred E. Hughes Scholarship:** a longtime member of the Board of Trustees, the College attorney, and dedicate friend of DWC.

- Hung Cong Nguyen



**Fr. Francis Kamp, SVD Scholarship:** a Divine Word Missionary for over 60 years, who headed the SVD Mission Center at Techny, Illinois, for many years, generated great support for the missionaries and their ministries abroad.

- Benedict Pau Mun Khual



**Mani Family Scholarship:** honors all of the members of the Mani family, both living and deceased. Italian immigrants Amedeo and Annunziata Cacciamani started this family legacy, which extended to their four sons and has flourished and grown.

- Leo Do Kim Tuang
- Bao Louis Nguyen



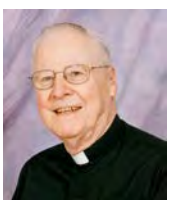
**Fr. Edmund Francis Morman, SVD Scholarship:** established by alumnus Dr. Richard Mani, M.D. named in honor of one of his favorite teachers when he was studying with Divine Word Missionaries.

- Marc Anderson Vaval
- Hung Cong Nguyen



**Fr. Chester Nowicki, SVD Scholarship:** honors an SVD confrere who for over 50 years served the Society of the Divine Word as a teacher and later as the Provincial Treasurer.

- Leo Do Kim Tuang
- Ladouceur Flarissaint



**Fr. William Shea, SVD Scholarship:** a devoted educator and missionary, ordained in 1964. Generations of SVD seminarians have looked to this Boston native for spiritual guidance and academic instruction. Through his work at seminaries across the United States, Fr. Bill has provided guidance and support for thousands of young men who sought life as Divine Word Missionaries. He also served as Provincial of the Eastern Province from 1976 to 1985. Today, his legacy shines brightly in the work of each person whom he influenced and inspired throughout the years.

- Hoang Son Vu
- Peter Mathias Brungardt



## Haiti Food Packathon

Thanks for the overwhelming response to the upcoming [Haiti Food Packathon](#) event organized by Holy Name's Haiti Health Promise! We're looking forward to having a strong DWC presence!

If you signed up, here's a reminder of the event details:

9 to 11 a.m. this **Saturday, November 18**

Key City Moving & Storage Warehouse (Mayflower Movers)

9710 Royalwood Dr.

Peosta, IA

Contact [Emily Shedek](#) if you have any questions.



from Dr. Yasmin Rioux

## What is a focus group?

A focus group is defined as follows: "Planned discussions among groups of participants who are asked a series of carefully constructed questions about their beliefs, attitudes, and experiences" (Allen, 2004, p. 168)

## Does this look familiar?

Please **DO NOT** turn off the display at night. Turning it off causes problems with the computer.

Thank you!



## VICE PRESIDENT FOR FORMATION DEAN OF STUDENTS

*Fr. Long Phi Nguyen, SVD*

### Making Egg Rolls

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Student Senate and all the students who generously volunteered their time and effort in making egg rolls last Thursday, November 9. Thanks to your enthusiastic participation, we successfully made 800 egg rolls in a remarkably short period. We will schedule the sale of those egg rolls in the upcoming weeks, and all proceeds from this and other events will be donated to Catholic Charities, supporting those in need in Maui, Hawaii. Thank you for your invaluable support!

### Thanksgiving Holy Hour

In celebrating Thanksgiving, the Student Senate invites you to a special Holy Hour, next Monday, November 20, at 7:30 PM in the main chapel. We come together as a community to express our gratitude and offer praises to God for the abundant blessings bestowed upon our community over the past year. All are welcome!

### Ministry Practicum and Theological Reflection

As we approach the end of the Fall 2023 semester, I believe many of you have completed your ministry practicum. I want to thank you for your dedication and effort in serving the Lord with faith and love. I also pray that each of you has found your ministry experience both fulfilling and strengthening in your journey to serve the Lord more deeply each day. As our ministry activities draw to a close, I encourage you to take some time for prayer and reflection. Reflect on the blessings and graces God has bestowed upon you, as well as the challenges you've encountered during your ministry.

Please remember to write a theological report about these experiences and submit it to your DWC supervisor. They will be arranging a meeting for Theological Reflection this week to discuss your insights and learnings. Thank you once again for your commitment to this important ministry journey.

### Queen of the Americas Celebration

This Saturday, November 18, 2023, the Asian American Hispanic Association (AAHA) will be organizing the Queen of the Americas Celebration, also known as the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This event holds significant importance in Hispanic culture, commemorating the Marian Apparition to Juan Diego in 1531, a cornerstone moment of their Catholic faith. Traditionally celebrated on December 12th each year with mass, prayers, dancing, and festivities, this year's celebration has been moved to November 18th due to our college's final exam week schedule on December 12th. This change enables students to participate without conflicting with their exam preparations.

Please note, the 8:00am Mass on Saturday will remain unchanged. The 11:15 am Mass will move to 3:00 pm, followed by a banquet in the dining room. It is mandatory for all students to attend both the Mass at 3:00 pm and the subsequent banquet.

### Liturgy Preparation

In order to prepare for the *Queen of the Americas Celebration*, there will be **Liturgy Preparation** this Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 1:00 pm in the main chapel. Attendance is mandatory for all students. Please be there on time and with your hearts prepared to sing for this celebration.

## Stress and Worry – How to Tackle These Issues

Stress and worry are normal for all of us. However, too much stress and worry can lead to serious health issues. There are a few things we need to know when we recognize the tensions that give us stress and worry.

Stress is a response to the environment or events around us. Our body is equipped to recognize things that could be dangerous. For example, suddenly, you will run if you see a tiger. It is called the fight-or-flight response. This response causes stress hormones to flood your brain and body, making you run or fight the danger.

Not all stress is bad. There is good stress and bad stress. Apart from keeping you safe, the stress response can be the energy for you to focus on important tasks, like studying for a test or writing your research paper. Bad stress is stress that does not go away, even though you are trying to reduce or switch off the stress.

How about worry? Worry is also a common thing that we experience, especially in our daily lives, such as problems with our family, college work, etc. Many of us are also worried about things going on in the world, such as war, climate change, racism, gun violence, and natural disasters. Worry can be the signal for you that something needs your attention. Worry can be good, too, if the worry leads you to do something big or small that contributes to solving the issue. However, if you are stuck in the worry mode, it surely will increase your stress level and affect your well-being.

There are reactions in your body that you can feel when you are under stress or worrying too much. Stress can make your heart pump very fast, and you have a short breath. Worrying too much can cause headaches or stomach problems, lack of concentration, sleeping problems, and irritability.

Here are some tips to handle stress and worry when they strike.

1. Take deep breaths and feel your feelings.
2. Name your feelings. It might be more than just one feeling. For example, I feel tired, afraid, and angry.
3. Researchers said that people who take a moment to recognize and name what they feel can reduce the intensity of those feelings.
4. If you feel overwhelmed with what is happening, you should turn to people who can listen to your stress or worry. Sometimes, sharing what you feel is helpful.
5. You might need to see a counselor if stress or worry sticks around for over a week.

The Counseling Center is open **five days a week, with appointments on weekends and holidays**. Please reach out to us at [auntarto@dwci.edu](mailto:auntarto@dwci.edu) | Room 220 | Ext. 377 for more information.

*“Instead of worrying about what you cannot control, shift your energy to what you can create.” Roy Bennett.*



by  
Sr. Aprilia  
Untarto, SSpS



## VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADMISSIONS

*Mr. Len Uhal*

### Thank you

Thank you to all who celebrated National Vocation Awareness Week with us last week. We appreciate your support for our ministry and it was nice to share a fun week with everyone. Congratulations to all those who won prizes last Friday!

Thank you to all those who participated in the “Coffee with Len” sessions. I appreciated chatting with those who took the time to attend. I also received a few emails from other folks. If you have not yet shared your thoughts about vocations, and admissions in general to Divine Word College, please contribute to the conversation by stopping by my office to talk or sending an email so that your ideas may be part of the discussion as we develop the next strategic plan.



### On the Road Again

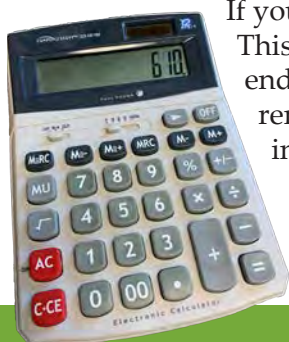
Members of the DWC community sometimes ask where are the vocation directors when they are not here on campus—What are they doing? Later this week, four of the six of us (Fr. Jorge, Fr. Duc, Fr. Adam and Len) will attend the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana. Somewhere between 15,000 and 20,000 youth are expected for this event. Our vocation team will have a booth in the exhibit hall and engage the students in conversation about mission, religious vocations and education. At the same time, Fr. Toan will be visiting Resurrection Parish for a vocation promotion event in St. Louis, Missouri; and Fr. Anthony is in Fort Smith, Arkansas, today visiting a candidate and will drive to Dallas, Texas, this weekend to visit another candidate and his family. All of us are On the Road Again... Thank you for your continued prayers for our ministry and for safe travels.



## VICE PRESIDENT FOR OPERATIONS

*Mr. Steve Winger*

### Flexible Spending Reminder



If you have a flexible spending account at DWC you can carry over up to \$610. This means, if you have money left in your flexible spending account at the end of the plan year in 2023, for any reason, you can keep up to \$610 of it. Any remaining funds over and above \$610 go back to the employer. This is an increase from \$550 in 2022.

If you have any questions about your flexible spending account, please contact [Ann](#) in the Business Office.





## Matthew Jacoby Library

 [opac.dwci.edu](https://opac.dwci.edu)

### Native American Heritage Month Book Display

November is National American Indian Heritage Month. To commemorate this, there is a display of books at the front of the library that illuminate various aspects of Native American societies, cultures, religions, and histories. There are more books on the shelves. Search the catalog <https://opac.dwci.edu/> using keywords such as: Indigenous People, First Nations, First People (Canada), Indians North America, Native American, American Indian, Alaskan Native, and individual tribal names. It is important to note that inclusive and culturally appropriate terms such as “Indigenous People” are relatively new. You will come across pejorative terminology and/or perspectives in some of the older books, especially those written by non-indigenous writers and those published before 1970.

### Campus Read Follow Up Survey

Please take a few minutes to fill out this [Campus Read Follow Up Survey](#). The Campus Read Committee would like to hear from EVERYONE on campus, whether or not you participated in the Read events. If you complete the survey, you will be entered to win a \$5 Amazon gift card.

### Upcoming Library Events

#### Of Mice and Men Movie Night

What day? Friday, November 17th

What time? 7 PM

Where? Room 107

The Campus Read Committee is hosting a Movie Night this Friday! We will be watching the film adaptation of “Of Mice and Men”



# Campus Read Follow-Up Survey

Please take a few minutes to fill out this short survey! We'd like feedback from everyone, whether or not you participated. Click the image below to go to the survey.



Submit survey by 11/22

Or paste link into browser: <https://forms.office.com/r/LGs6eWemgI>