

MercyOne Dubuque receives Donaghey Award

The Donaghey Award for Outstanding Service was established in 1999 and named for the late Fr. John Donaghey, SVD, who dedicated much of his life to the college. He served as an instructor, vice president for Academic Affairs, president, and as a longtime member of the DWC Board of Trustees.

MERCYONE Divine Word Missionaries dedicate their lives to serving people in need but sometimes they find themselves on the receiving end of compassionate support. For decades, MercyOne Dubuque and MercyOne Dyersville Medical Centers have generously offered Divine Word College students discounted medical services when they were in need. Their assistance in times of crisis allowed students to recover quickly and remain focused on their studies.

To honor these extraordinary efforts, Divine Word College has named MercyOne Dubuque and MercyOne Dyersville Medical Centers recipients of the 2023 Donaghey Award for Outstanding Service. Kay Takes, president of MercyOne’s eastern Iowa region, including the MercyOne medical centers in Dubuque and Dyersville, states, “MercyOne strives to ensure that all people have access to care, no matter the

circumstances. The Sisters of Mercy, who founded MercyOne in Dubuque in 1879, set a great example and continue to influence our organization’s identity today.”

“Access to health insurance can be a challenge for some patients,” Takes said, “but MercyOne is committed to providing care to all those in need. Our staff go above and beyond to remove barriers to care, including providing financial assistance when appropriate.” Takes said the organization takes its role as a community leader very seriously. MercyOne’s mission, to serve together in the spirit of the Gospel, as a compassionate and transforming healing presence within our communities, is well aligned with the mission of Divine Word. “We are grateful for our relationship and happy to support Divine Word students who are also committed to service and charitable work. We are honored to receive this very special recognition,” Takes said.

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