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THE PRESIDENT

Jesus' Mission is *OUR* Mission - in North America

Throughout this academic year, a banner near the chapel has reminded us that Jesus' Mission is *OUR* Mission. When we think about missionary service, we often think of places far away. However, there is also a great need for missionary outreach in our own neighborhood and region.

SVD's in the three provinces of North America have been reaching out to people on the margins of the Church and society ever since Br. Wendelin

Meyers SVD first arrived in New Jersey on October 15, 1895. From the very first days, we have consistently worked to build up friendship with ethnic, cultural and racial minorities. In these days when racism, xenophobia and discrimination seem to be on the rise, our missionary service is more needed than ever.

Did you know...???

The Western Province (USW), with headquarters in Riverside, CA, is active in central and southern California. The 69 members of the province are involved in many communications and bible ministries, but parish work also offers good opportunities to work with people on the margins. The confreres staff 20 parishes, most with a strong presence in the Spanish-speaking community. There are also individual parishes which attend to the needs of Chinese, Polish and Vietnamese-speaking people.

The Southern Province (USS), with headquarters in Bay St. Louis, MS, is active in five southern states. The 67 members of the province are deeply



and historically committed to missionary outreach with African-Americans and with more recent African immigrants. Now, there is also an increasing outreach to Spanish and Vietnamese speakers. The confreres are staffing 40 parishes in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi and Florida.



The Chicago Province (USC), with headquarters in Techny, IL, extends from Omaha to Boston and from Montreal to Montserrat, and includes parts of **TEN** nations: Canada, USA, Jamaica, Saint-Martin (French), Sint Maarten (Dutch), Anguilla, British Virgin Islands (Tortola and Virgin Gorda), St. Kitts and Nevis, Antigua, and Montserrat.

The 237 SVD's in the Chicago province emphasize building up intercultural parish communities. At present, they work in approximately 42 parishes. Liturgy is celebrated in many languages, including: English, Vietnamese, Spanish, French, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Creole, Tagalog and Bahasa Indonesia. It is very common for there to be three or more language groups in one parish.

In all three provinces, many confreres who have other full-time jobs also help at local parishes on the weekends. This is especially true for the larger communities at East Troy, Techny, Theologate, Bordentown and Miramar in Chicago, Riverside and San Diego in the West, and Bay St. Louis in the South.

At Epworth. On average, the SVD community at Epworth helps with Eucharistic celebrations at 12 communities each weekend. Here, close to home, we help communities celebrate their faith in English, Vietnamese, Spanish and French! In addition, many SVD's, students, faculty and staff members from DWC are active in apostolic activities and missionary outreach in churches, food banks, schools, retirement centers, and health care facilities!

Jesus' mission is OUR mission. And it keeps us BUSY!

VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

New Department Chair for Interdisciplinary Studies in July 2019



After due consultation with and upon the recommendation of the VP for Academic Affairs, and in accordance with Administration Manual 272.2, President Thomas Ascherman has officially appointed **Dr. Cathleen Cleary as the new Department Chair for Interdisciplinary Studies [DIS]** with the effective date of July 2019. Dr. Cleary is an Assistant Professor of Biology and has been a full-time faculty member at DWC since 2015, and a part-time faculty member before that since 2002. She holds a Ph.D. in Microbiology and Molecular Genetics and has regularly taught several courses in the Core Curriculum and in the Intercultural Studies degree programs. She was recognized for her teaching by the students and was awarded the Excellence in Teaching Award in 2018. Dr. Cleary has also participated in the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Annual Conference in 2017 and the HLC Seminar for writing the Assurance

Argument in 2018. She has been an active contributor on various DWC task forces and committees, and most recently joined the restructured Assessment Committee.

Dr. Anton Jacobs, who has served as Department Chair since August 2016, will remain as Chair through the current academic year until he completes his term in May 2019. Congratulations Dr. Cleary!

Search Committees

Divine Word College will begin advertising for an Assistant Professor of English for the Fall 2019 semester. I am appointing the following members to the Search Committee for an Assistant Professor of English, with Dr. Jacobs as Chair:

- Dr. Anton Jacobs – Chair, Department of Interdisciplinary Studies
- Dr. Marilyn Taylor – Associate Professor of Writing and Literature
- Dr. Yasmin Rioux – Assistant Professor of Communication
- Bro. Tony Kreinus, SVD – Assistant Librarian

Divine Word College will also begin advertising for a Library Technical Assistant for the Spring 2019 semester, or earlier if a qualified candidate is identified. I am appointing the following members to the Search Committee for a Library Technical Assistant, with Mr. Williams as Chair:

- Mr. Daniel Williams – Chair, Library Director
- Bro. Tony Kreinus, SVD – Assistant Librarian
- Fr. Khoa Nguyen, SVD – Instructor of Theology

Position descriptions for both employment opportunities will be forthcoming later this week.

Quick Hits

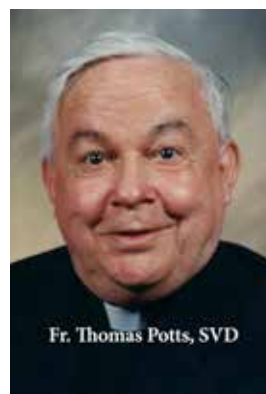
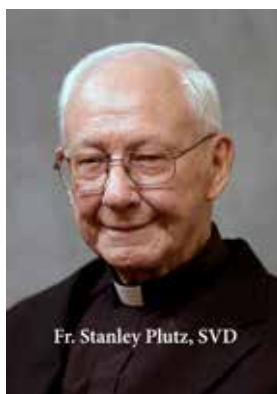
New Adjunct Violin Instructor: Mr. Jenwei Yu has been hired as an adjunct instructor of violin for the Spring 2019 semester. Mr. Yu is currently pursuing a DMA in Viola Performance at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, having already earned an MM at DePaul University. He also earned a BM in Violin Performance at Arizona State University. Mr. Yu has extensive performance experience with various symphonies in Omaha, the Quad Cities, Des Moines, Waterloo-Cedar Falls, Dubuque, Peoria, and Milwaukee. Welcome to Divine Word College, Mr. Yu!

Registration for Spring 2019 semester: Registration for all undergraduate students for the Spring 2019 semester will take place from 7 - 9 November 2018. Students should schedule an appointment with their Academic Advisor to review course planning and registration options. Academic Advisors are reminded that students must give priority to completing Core Curriculum requirements as soon as possible. Core Curriculum courses are not to be postponed until Junior and Senior year.



VICE PRESIDENT FOR FORMATION DEAN OF STUDENTS

- Our **SVD Memorial Mass** is scheduled for Wednesday, November 07, at 8:00 a.m., praying for the repose of all SVD members who passed away, in a particular way, remembering the deceased SVDs who served at Divine Word College community.



- Both the formation group of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus and Colossians will begin their **annual retreat weekend**, from Friday, November 09 until Sunday, November 11. Please keep them in your prayers so that they may be open and attentive to the grace of the Holy Spirit.
- Saturday, November 10, ESL students will visit the sisters of both religious congregations, the Sisters of St. Francis and the Sisters of the Presentation. The list of ESL students who are expected to go will be posted on the Student Board.
- Sunday, November 11, the formation group of St. Teresa of Avila will prepare a **cultural dinner**. As usual the dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 14, is scheduled for **Ministry Theological Reflection**. Instead of having formation meetings, each formation group will first meet at 7:30 p.m. for individual ministry reflection and then gather in room 107 at 8:15 p.m. for final thoughts and prayer. Those involved in ministry are required to write a brief theological reflection based on your own ministry experience. Send a copy of your reflection to all the members of your ministry group, including your DWC supervisor and Fr. Long Phi, SVD by **Tuesday, November 13**. Free beverages, snacks, and special treat prepared by Br. Linh Tran, SVD, will be served in the Pour House. All are welcome!

VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADMISSIONS

National Vocation Awareness Week -- November 4-10

Learn more about National Vocation Awareness week by clicking on these two links:

- [USCCB](#)
- [NRVC](#)

Celebrate with the Vocation Office on Friday, November 9.

- Faculty, Staff and SVDs – 9:30 AM to 11 AM – Coffee Break
- Students – 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM – Snacks and Refreshments

Altar Server Retreat and Recognition Day

This Saturday, November 10, the vocation office is hosting a group of altar servers from local parishes to Divine Word College for a retreat/recognition day. About 15-20 boys and girls will be on campus from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The group will use the dining room in the morning, join the community for lunch and they will use gym and pool in the early afternoon. Mass is scheduled at 2:00 PM and all are welcome to join. Fr. Adam, Sr. Aprilia and Len will be here to host the group.

Come and See Visitor

The vocation office will host a Come and See visitor this week. Stephen Roderick from St. Petersburg, Florida, will arrive on Thursday and stay with us until Sunday, November 11. His visit to Divine Word College will allow him to learn more about the College and the Divine Word Missionaries. If you get a chance to talk with Stephen, please honestly share your experience of Divine Word College with him.

PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR

Loras College Antioch Retreat

On **Saturday, November 10**, the annual Loras College Antioch retreat will use the Main Chapel for reconciliation service from **6-9 p.m.**

Please welcome our guests to our campus.