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## THE PRESIDENT

### Jesus Mission Is Our Mission

A banner outside the main chapel at DWC announces a challenging motto: "Jesus Mission is Our Mission."

That line paraphrases the Constitutions of the Society of the Divine Word:

*We see our special dedication to the Divine Word and his mission expressed in our name. His life is our life, his mission is our mission... Missionary work is, therefore, the end and aim of our Society. (Prologue)*

To follow Jesus in mission is the adventure that animates Divine Word College. Our mission statement affirms:

*Divine Word College, a Roman Catholic seminary in the tradition of the Society of the Divine Word, educates men and women for missionary service as priests, brothers, sisters, and laypersons.*

At the President's Forum on Tuesday afternoon, the faculty and staff explored some "core competencies" that seem to flow from a determination to share in Jesus' mission. Five ideas were discussed in light of five moments in Jesus ministry:

**Critical Thinking Acuity:** skillfully conceptualizing, applying, analyzing, synthesizing, and/or evaluating information gathered from credible sources as a guide to belief and action. (*Jesus outwits his critics saying, "Render to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." Mt 22:15-22*)

**Communication Effectiveness:** accurately conveying and receiving a message from one individual or group to another through the use of appropriate language and symbols. (*Jesus heals a deaf mute in pagan territory. Mk 7:31-37*)



**Intercultural Competence:** a set of cognitive, affective, and behavioral skills and characteristics that support effective and appropriate interaction across a variety of cultural contexts. (*A Syrophoenician woman begs for Jesus' help. Mk 7:24-30*)





Congratulations to Fr. Hien Pham, SVD, Fr. Ed Peklo, SVD (Novice Director in 1993), Fr. Bang Tran, SVD, Fr. Brandon Hiep Nguyen, SVD, celebrating 25 years in vows and Fr. Pio Estepa, SVD who celebrated 40 years of priesthood.

**Social & Global Responsibility:** an empathetic sense of personal responsibility for championing the rights and well-being of all peoples in accordance with Catholic social teaching. (*Jesus announces liberty, healing, and freedom at Nazareth. Lk 4:17-19*)

**Catholic Missionary Discipleship:** reaching out in prophetic dialogue to faith seekers, to the poor and marginalized, to people of different cultures and to followers of other religious traditions in the tradition of SVD Missionary service. (*Jesus reaches out to a Samaritan woman at the well. Jn 4:4-42*)

We are beginning an important conversation about the core competencies desired for a student at Divine Word College. When you pass by the banner near the chapel, you might ask yourself:

- How did Jesus act during his ministry?
- What have I learned so far at Divine Word College?
- What talents can I further cultivate as I follow Jesus in mission?

## Board of Administration Summary

The Board of Administration met on Friday, September 7, and discussed/ approved the following:

1. Approved the restructuring of the Assessment Committee, Administration Manual 253.
2. Received and approved the Academic Partnership Agreement with Emmaus Bible College which establishes collaboration between DWC and Emmaus Bible College which enables both institutions to better serve their students.
3. Reviewed and approved the Faculty Absence Report Policy and the F-CAR form.
4. Discussed the compliance requirements of the Department of Higher Education regarding the Drug Free Campus policy.
5. Reviewed and approved the ESL-SVD Billing for submission to the Chicago Provincial Council.
6. Began a review of combining the Administration Manual, Faculty Handbook, and Employee Handbook into one inclusive handbook.

## Dominic Mien Viet Dinh 2/1/1930 - 9/8/2018

Fr. Quang Duc Dinh SVD, the Provincial of the Chicago Province, serves as the Chairman of the Divine Word College Board of Trustees. He shares the sad news that his father **Dominic Mien Viet Dinh**, passed away peacefully in Los Angeles, CA on Saturday, Sept. 8, 2018, the feast of the Birth of Blessed Virgin Mary, and the SVD foundation day. Several members of the Epworth SVD community will represent the College at the funeral services on Sept. 21 and 22. Please remember Mr. Dinh in your prayers.



## VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIARS

### Higher Learning Commission (HLC): Assurance Argument Preparation Seminar - 10 October 2018 in Cleveland Ohio

Divine Word College is scheduled for a regular Year 4 Comprehensive Evaluation Visit from the Higher Learning Commission from 11 to 12 November 2019. This Year 4 visit is a normal part of the process for all accredited institutions of higher learning that are on the Standard Pathway with HLC. You may recall that DWC received its last Comprehensive Evaluation Visit in August 2016 which successfully resulted in reaffirmation of accreditation through the 2025-2026 academic year.

In preparation for the Year 4 visit, member institutions are required to craft an Assurance Argument—that is, a narrative with supporting evidence that documents how member institutions meet the Criteria for Accreditation. To aid in this task, I have invited the following colleagues to participate in an HLC-sponsored seminar on Wednesday 10 October 2018 in Cleveland, OH entitled “Planning for Improvement.” The seminar is specially designed to provide guidance in the formulation of a plan for gathering evidence, developing materials, and actually writing the Assurance Argument. Costs for seminar participation and travel will be covered under the VPAA budget line item for Accreditation. My thanks to these colleagues for collaborating in this important shared responsibility—demonstrating that DWC complies with HLC criteria for accreditation and professional standards in higher education.

Seminar Participants:

- **Dr. Mathew Kanjirathinkal** – HLC Accreditation Liaison Officer/Faculty
- **Dr. Cathleen Cleary** – Faculty
- **Dr. Yasmin Rioux** – Faculty
- **Mr. Paul Stamm** – Director of Institutional Effectiveness
- **Mr. Steve Winger** – VP for Operations

### Search Committee for Music Adjunct Instructors

Divine Word College is advertising for music adjunct instructors for the Spring 2019 semester while Ms. Jill Heitzman is away on sabbatical. The following positions are available and may be combined depending on candidates’ ability and experience:

- Adjunct Instructor in Voice and Choir
- Adjunct Instructor in Flute
- Adjunct Instructor in Beginning/Intermediate Guitar
- Adjunct Instructor in Violin

I am appointing the following members to the Search Committee for Music Adjunct Instructors, with Dr. Jacobs as Chair.

- **Dr. Anton Jacobs** – Chair, Department of Interdisciplinary Studies
- **Ms. Jill Heitzman** – Assistant Professor of Music
- **Fr. Khoa Nguyen, SVD** – Instructor of Theology

## Faculty Professional Development

**Ms. Sharon Sinton** and **Ms. Michelle Vargo**, Instructors of ESL in the Intensive English Language Institute, have both been granted professional development funding to attend the Mid-TESOL 2018 Conference from 28-29 September 2018 in Kansas City, MO.

**Dr. Joseph Hartel**, Associate Professor of Philosophy in the Department of Theology & Philosophy, has been granted professional development funding to attend the workshop on the Yoga Yajnavalkya by Srivasta Ramaswami from 14-16 September 2018 in Chicago, IL.

**Dr. Yasmin Rioux**, Assistant Professor of Communication in the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, has been granted professional development funding to attend and present at the Conference on College Composition and Communication (CCCC) annual convention from 14-16 March 2019 in Pittsburgh, PA. Dr. Rioux's presentation is entitled, "Performing Self Across Countries and Disciplines: Using Performance-Composition as Voice Giving Act to Enable International Students to Combine Identities and Concepts of Belonging in a Uniquely Diverse Intercultural Communication Class." Congratulations on the acceptance of your proposal for presentation, Dr. Rioux!

## Quick Hits

- **HLC Federal Compliance Task Force** – In addition to the Higher Learning Commission Task Forces published in last week's edition of the Log, the President has appointed the following colleagues to the Federal Compliance Task Force:
  - o **Paul Stamm**, Chair
  - o **Mathew Kanjirathinkal**
  - o **Jolene Zimmerman**
- **Faculty In-Service** – The Faculty In-Service for Fall 2018 Semester will take place on Friday 19 October 2018 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. The topic of this semester's in-service is assessment and will be facilitated by **Mr. Paul Stamm**, Director of Institutional Effectiveness. While there are no classes scheduled on this day, all full-time faculty are required to attend this event. More details will follow in the near future.
- **Congratulations to Bro. Hoc Mai, SVD** who received his diploma in Automotive Mechanics from the Northeast Iowa Community College on August 9 2018!



## VICE PRESIDENT FOR FORMATION DEAN OF STUDENTS

1. Congratulations and blessings to the SVD community on the 143rd Anniversary of the foundation of the Society of Divine Word Missionaries, in particular to **Fr. Pio Estepa, Fr. Bang Tran, Fr. Hien Pham, and Fr. Brandon Hiep Nguyen** on their jubilee. Special thanks to the Student Senate for your leadership, dedication and all that you contributed to make the Family Feast so enjoyable. Well done!
2. Tuesday, September 11th, the deans, **Fr. Bang Tran** and **Fr. Long Phi**, will do a regular building room inspection ONLY in the main building at 8:00 pm. Please make sure to have your rooms clean, removing all the cooking appliances as indicated in the Student Handbook.
3. Friday, September 14th, marks the feast of Exaltation of the Holy Cross. It is also a feast day for many of our sisters of the Lovers of Holy Cross. Let's join in praying for them and their congregations.
  - On Friday September 14th, at 7:00 pm in the Cathedral of St. Raphael, Dubuque, you are invited to attend a service of lament, led by the **Archbishop Michael Jackels**, in praying for the abused and victims of sex abuse by clergy in the Church. As he published in his letter, "the purpose of this service will be to acknowledge guilt for sin, say sorry, and even to be so bold as to ask pardon from God and others." A sign-up sheet will be on the Student Bulletin Board.
4. Saturday, September 15th, three SVD members will profess their perpetual vows as Divine Word Missionaries in Techny, IL. Please pray for them. If you are interested in attending, please sign your name on the sheet on the Student Board.
  - You are also invited to join the Spring Roadside Clean Up. Weather permitting, we will leave from the dining room at 9:15 am. For more information, please check the Student Bulletin Board or contact **Mr. Rob Kundert**.
5. Sunday, September 16th, the formation group of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus will prepare a cultural dinner, served at 5:30pm in the dining room. Welcome and enjoy a delicious meal.



It looks like all of the Family Feast games and activities made Ryan Agbim very tired!

## VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADMISSIONS

### Come and See Visitors

The Vocation Office will host three Come and See visitors at various times this week. Our visitors are:

- Hung Cong Nguyen from Hemet, CA – September 12-16
- Justin Tran from Kentucky – September 13-16
- Samuel Jean Mary from New York, NY – September 15-19

We appreciate the Student and Faculty Hosts who have volunteered to help welcome our guests and the entire Divine Word College community for helping to make our guests feel at home while they visit our community. These three men feel God may be calling them to religious life and they are visiting to learn more about the Divine Word Missionaries and Divine Word College.

### Other Visitors

On Wednesday, September 12, the Admissions Office will welcome three members of The Society of Our Mother of Peace, including their founder, Fr. Placid Guste, SMP. The congregation was founded in 1966 and is based out of High Ridge, MO. The congregation wants to learn more about Divine Word College and explore opportunities for collaboration. You can learn more about their congregation by clicking [here](#).

### New Vocation Director Arriving

**Fr. Francis Rayappan, SVD**, will arrive on campus next Monday. Fr. Francis is from India and has been there the last few months visiting his family. He had been ministering at St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Wheeling, IL (near Techny) for the last three years and will now begin vocation ministry with the Tri-Province Vocation Office. Please welcome him to the Divine Word College community!

### Where Are They Now?

After having been at the College for several weeks,

**Fr. Emilio** returned to California yesterday. His vocation ministry will primarily be on the West Coast and he begins this weekend with a visit to St. George Parish in Ontario, CA. **Bro. Duylinh** is back at the College after having traveled to Battle Creek, Michigan and Waterloo, Iowa to promote vocations in the Burmese community with **Sr. Aprilia** and **Do Tuang**. **Fr. Anthony** will be on campus hosting Come and See visitors. **Fr. Adam** is in Kansas City this week visiting 13 Catholic high schools in the area. **Len** is on campus this week and will help **Fr. Dennis Callan** host one of the Come and See visitors.

## PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR

### Local group meeting at DWC Friday and Saturday

A group from the Archdiocese of Dubuque will meet at Divine Word College on Friday, September 14 from 6:30 - 10:00 PM and on Saturday, September 15 from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Approximately 30 people will gather in the Crypt for the majority of the time, but will also use other space on campus for prayer and reflection. Participants will join the community for lunch on Saturday.

The group, *Teams of Our Lady*, is a local chapter of an international lay movement in the Catholic Church, designed to enrich marriage spirituality and make good marriages better. Teams provide a proven method of increasing and improving prayer life, which will help couples grow closer to God and each other.

Please help our guests feel welcome while on our campus.