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THE PRESIDENT *Fr. Tom Ascheman, SVD*

Missionary Roadblocks

We are back at DWC for the last eight weeks of the school year. During Spring Break travels, we may have run into roadblocks that delayed our journeys. Road construction, snowstorms, flat tires, and speed traps can all make driving a miserable experience.



Jesus' ministry involved a lot of traveling. In the coming weeks of Lent we will accompany Jesus to Jerusalem to be witnesses once again to his passing over. Before we go forward, I suggest we look back to the past Sunday's of Lent – taking special note of roadblocks Jesus encountered.

The **First Sunday of Lent** (Mat 4:1-11) recalls the beginning of Jesus' ministry, and the temptations that came just as he started out. The tempter came to him to see if there were some roadblocks he could put in place. He proposed abundant bread, spectacle at the temple, and unlimited power over the nations. Jesus turned them down.

How about us who share in Jesus' mission and journey to the Reign of God? We may experience some roadblocks like those the tempter brought to Jesus. Maybe we *collect too much stuff, grasp at fame, or fight for too much control*. All of that makes it very difficult to reach out in friendship to those we encounter in mission.

The **Second Sunday of Lent** (Mat 17:1-9) tells the story of Jesus' transfiguration. It was a beautiful and terrifying experience for Peter, James and John. Peter suggested they build three tents, one for Jesus, one for Moses and one for Elijah. Just six days earlier, Peter had said that Jesus was the expected Messiah; but Peter did not want to hear Jesus talk about his approaching death and resurrection. Peter wanted to *stall in the glory of the Lord, delaying the necessary next steps*.



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We can also stall in moments of glory, basking in moments of devotion, delighting in beautiful liturgy, and clinging to religious experience. It is good to savor such moments, but they are not the goal of our missionary journey. Our journey and our goal are well described in the motto we have taken for this Lent from the prophet Micah (6:8): "Do justice, love goodness, walk humbly with God." An uplifting Mass is useless if it does not result in loving and serving the Lord in the people we meet along the way.

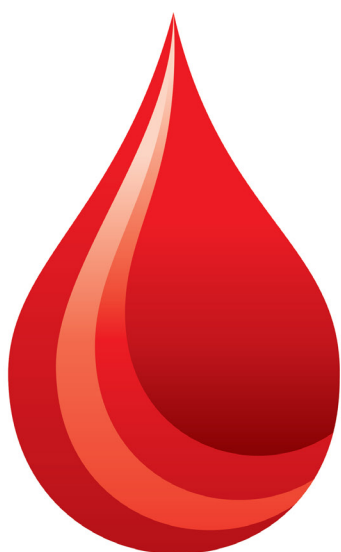
The **Third Sunday of Lent** (John 4:5-42) focuses on the story of the Samaritan woman at the well of Jacob. It is one of my favorite passages. Toward the end of the account the woman is away in the town gathering the people to come and meet Jesus, while he is with the disciples that they might well find themselves reaping where others have planted the seed. I think the scene is comical; the *disciples are talking about mission while the woman is doing mission!*

A roadblock for us may be an attitude that we are "experts" in missionary outreach and so we are the ones to plant the seeds, to water the seedlings, to protect the plants from pests, to harvest the crop and to store it in barns! This mission possessiveness is a dangerous roadblock indeed. Pope Francis consistently alerts the Church to the dangers of clericalism. Mission always includes encouraging others to share in the work and the journey.

SVD's love a line from our Constitutions; Jesus' mission is our mission. Let us beware of the roadblocks that Jesus and his disciples encountered and be sure to move past them in our own day.

Knights of Columbus Come Visiting

On Sunday evening, March 19, members of the St. Patrick/Placid council of the Knights of Columbus will be here to share supper with us. The Knights are a fraternal order of men, founded in 1882 by Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney. Together they seek to empower Catholic men to live their faith at home, in their parish, at work and in their community. You have likely met several members of the Knights at some of the parish and town events here in Epworth. Quite a few of the seminarians have received scholarships to help pay their living costs at DWC. Come to supper on Sunday and say hello.



BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, March 28
11 AM - 2 PM

Sign up by Tuesday, March 21

Questions? See Bro. Mike

*Your donation helps 3 - 6 people
who need blood*



VICE PRESIDENT FOR FORMATION DEAN OF STUDENTS

Fr. Long Phi Nguyen, SVD

Welcome to New Students

Welcome back to all students from a well-rested Spring Break! As we continue the second half of the Spring semester, let us as a community extend a warm welcome to three new students—**Fr. Julienord Clervil, ST** (Haiti), **Fr. Juntang Duan, SVD** (China), and **Mr. Junwoo Park** (South Korea). Please help them feel at home as they make their transition to the new culture and environment here at DWC.

Student Conference

The Annual student conference is scheduled for Thursday, March 16, at 1:00 PM in room 107. The topic for this conference is “Creating a Safe Environment,” led by our college counselor, Sr. Aprilia Untarto, SSpS. Creating a safe and supportive environment will help us to be more engaged in our work/study and feel connected as a community. All students are expected to attend this conference.

Lenten Recollection

In his message for Lent 2023, Pope Francis encouraged Catholics to listen to what Jesus wants to tell them through the Scriptures and others. As we continue our Lenten Journey, let us pause for a day to “listen to Jesus as he speaks to us.” Lenten Recollection is scheduled for this Saturday, March 18, from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM. Fr. Thang Hoang, SVD, will facilitate and lead this year’s Recollection Day with the topic “Revitalize Your Covenant.” Please check the Student Board for further information.

IOWA Knights of Columbus

On Sunday, March 19, the college will welcome a group of Knights of Columbus. They will join our community for supper and Sunday Vespers. Please help me welcome them and make them feel at home.

New Travel Coordinator

Many thanks and congrats to **Mr. Jeffrey Puccio**, who graciously accepts a new responsibility as a student travel coordinator. We are so grateful to **Fr. Son Le, SVD**, for his dedication, commitment, and excellent service to the students. Once you finalize your summer plans, please see Mr. Jeffrey Puccio at the front desk to make your travel arrangements.



Assessment Bites

from Dr. Yasmin Rioux

Welcome back from Spring Break! Please use this last opportunity to submit feedback on the Fall '22 Project. Thus far I have received feedback from some DTP professors, but am still missing insights on the three assessed CORE areas, IDS, and ICS. Please kindly take a few minutes to submit any feedback.

In order to stay on track with the current plan for assessment, I'd like to complete the final drafts by the middle of March.

Thanks!

Tips to Stay Motivated in the Middle of the Semester

Spring Break is over. Welcome back. A special welcome to our new ESL students: **Fr. Juntang Duan, SVD, Mr. Junwoo Park, and Fr. Julienord Clervil, ST.** Time flies so fast. We only have two months left before the end of the Spring Semester.

For sure, all of you have been working hard. However, keeping your spirits up and staying motivated to get things done on time might not be easy. Here are some tips to keep your energy level high to finish what you must accomplish this semester.

1. Review what could have been more helpful for you at the beginning of the semester. Try to do it differently now.
2. Take things one step at a time. Check your syllabus, almanac, and personal planner. Get through one day at a time: one exam, presentation, and paper; break down a big assignment into smaller tasks. This will help you to know what you need to do first.
3. Good time management is vital to completing any task, no matter how big or small your assignment is. Do not do things at the last minute. Procrastination is a students' worst enemy.
4. Study group. You might need to study in a group. This will help you better understand the theories, keywords and how to apply them in reality. Certain subjects need to be understood rather than memorized.
5. Relax. You still need to make time to relax. This is very helpful for your brain and your body.
6. Find inspiration. You need to get inspired regularly. It is easy to be discouraged when all you see are more papers, reflections, quizzes, and presentations. Get some inspirational quotes, print them, and stick them on the wall of your bedroom. This is an excellent way to have a daily affirmation that motivates you.

"Don't limit yourself. Many people limit themselves to what they think they can do. You can go as far as your mind lets you. What you believe, remember, you can achieve." —Mary Kay Ash.

The Counseling Center is open **five days a week, with appointments on weekends and holidays.** Please reach out to us at auntarto@dwci.edu | Room 220 | Ext. 377.





VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADMISSIONS

Mr. Len Uhal

Welcome Students

It's great to have all our students back after spring break. We also want to extend a warm welcome to our three new students who arrived to start Term D in the ESL Program. They are:

SVD Member

Fr. Anthony Juntang Duan, SVD China

Religious Priest

Fr. Julienord Clervil, ST Haiti

Diocesan Seminarian

Junwoo Park South Korea

New Students

All new students need to visit the Admissions Office to see both Carolyn Waechter and Patti McDermott. Carolyn will assist all new international students with visa information. She needs to make sure all your immigration documents are in order and make copies for our records. Patti will work with all new students to make sure we have original copies of your educational documents. ALL NEW STUDENTS, PLEASE VISIT THE ADMISSIONS OFFICE BEFORE THE END OF MARCH!

Come and See Visitor

The vocation office is hosting a Come and See visitor from Thursday, March 16th to Sunday, March 19th. Please help us welcome **Mr. Bao Nguyen** from Wichita Falls, Texas, to our campus. He feels God may be calling him to religious life and he is visiting to learn more about the Divine Word Missionaries and Divine Word College. Vocation Director Fr. Tuan Hoang, SVD, will be on campus as well this week to host our guest.

Jamaica Mission Experience

For many years, the Vocation Office hosted a mission experience trip to Jamaica; however, due to COVID-19, the trip was cancelled in 2020 and was not scheduled in 2021 or 2022. WE'RE BACK! Please click the link below to learn more about the mission experience in Jamaica June 19-27, 2023. <https://www.svdivocations.org/contact/mission-experience-jamaica> This is not a free trip! It is open to all students, but you will have to pay for the trip as do other people participating. Some scholarship dollars may be available. If you are interested, please talk with Len Uhal for more information.



**Mission
Experience
to Jamaica**

GET READY FOR AN
ADVENTURE!



Women's History Month Display

Come to the library to check out the **Women's History Month Display**.

Check out a book or DVD while you are here!

A list of books on display is on the OPAC (online Catalog).

1. Go to <https://opac.dwci.edu/>
2. On the top left-hand side of the page, click "Lists"
3. Click "Women's History Month"



JSTOR All Access Trial

JSTOR is a digital library of journals, academic ebooks, images, and primary sources.

It is a great resource to use if you are working on a research or capstone project!

DWC will have access to everything on JSTOR from March 13th to April 10th.
Access JSTOR: <https://www.jstor.org/>



Koha Tip of the Week -- Create your own lists

Did you know that you can create your own personal item lists (private) or share lists with others?



In Koha (the library's Online Catalog), users can create a private list from the OPAC. This is where a logged in patron can keep track of a to-be-read list of books, research material or interesting items. A video tutorial and blog post about Private Lists can be found [here](#).

The library has created several Public lists including:

- Women's History Month
- English Language Learner
- Periodicals Room



VICE PRESIDENT FOR OPERATIONS

Mr. Steve Winger

Severe Weather Awareness:

We want to remind the DWC community of the actions you should take in case of a tornado. The following is from the DWC Policy Handbook: 5.08.02

When a tornado warning is announced over the Public Address system, go immediately to the basement corridor (near the east end).

Megan Hall residents go to the south end of the Megan Hall basement.

Arkfeld House residents go to the basement.

- **Stay clear of windows.**
- **Gather in your formation group. (Employees gather together)**
- **Remain there until the “all-clear” signal sounds.**

In addition to the above Public Address system announcement, DWC will send a text message through our Populi notification system. It is important that we have your current contact information in Populi. If you are unsure or if you recently added a new cell phone number, please contact Kimberly in the Registrar’s Office. She will assist you with updating your contact information.

Every year in the United States, hundreds of people are killed and thousands injured because of severe weather. Dangerous weather can take many forms, ranging from violent tornadoes to crippling winter storms. With the notable exception of hurricanes, Iowa can experience any of these dangerous phenomena.

While there is nothing we can do to stop dangerous weather from affecting us, there are things we can do to stay safe. Weather safety and survival - no matter what the hazard - depends on the following key items:

1. **KNOW THE HAZARDS** - Be aware of the hazards that you might face during a weather event.
2. **KNOW WHEN TO EXPECT DANGEROUS WEATHER** - Monitor forecasts and information from your local National Weather Service Forecast Office.
3. **PAY ATTENTION** - Be aware of all watches, warnings, and advisories affecting you.
4. **HAVE A PLAN TO STAY SAFE** - Think about it before it happens and be ready to act to survive.

For more information go to: <https://www.weather.gov/dmx/preparedness>

Use your smartphone to stay safe

Smartphones can be used to track weather and potentially dangerous storms. Here are some weather apps you may want to consider downloading on your phone:

AccuWeather

The Weather Channel

NOAA Weather Radar – HD Radar & Weather Forecast

Weather Live Free

WeatherBug

Weather Underground

From Brad Florence, Information Systems Director

Brad reminds the DWC community that information you save on your computer desktop is not backed up. This means you could lose information if your hard drive crashes. When saving important documents please make sure you save to the Z: drive or X: drive (Cyclops). The Z: drive is your personal drive and is backed up daily. If you have questions about saving documents and data, please reach out to Mr. Brad Florence.



JUSTICE, PEACE AND INTEGRITY OF CREATION COUNCIL

There are several activities in March for Women's History Month. The JPIC Council is sponsoring these exciting events:

March 13-31- Women's storytelling quilts, displayed in the Art Gallery.

March 15- Food for Thought at 12 noon in the Pour House. Sr. Agathe will lead a conversation on women's contributions to the Church.

March 16- At 1:00 p.m. in Room 107. Sr. Aprilia will give a presentation entitled: "Creating a Safe Environment."

March 17- Movie night at 7:00 p.m. in the Pour House. We will show the film "She Said," a movie about the Me Too Movement.

Also, please check the TV monitors in the hallway. You will see a slide show depicting several notable women who have helped shape many sectors of society. We thank them for their many contributions!!

College Hosting Workshop

Divine Word College is hosting a workshop on trauma and healing on Saturday, April 1.

Faculty and Staff are invited to register at a discount cost of \$10.

Go to dwci.edu/traumaworkshop for full details.

Effects of Trauma and Pathways to Healing

A workshop for helpers.

April 1, 2023
9 AM - 3 PM

A graphic with a dark blue background on the left and a light blue background on the right. On the left, the text "Effects of Trauma and Pathways to Healing" is written in white, followed by "A workshop for helpers." in smaller white text. Below that, the date and time "April 1, 2023" and "9 AM - 3 PM" are written in white. On the right, there is a cluster of stylized human figures in various colors (yellow, orange, green, blue, red) standing together.



Divine Word Missionaries
Heritage Tour

September 18 - 30, 2023

BOOK NOW

WWW.SVDALUMNI.ORG/HERITAGETOUR

Join the Heritage Tour in 2023!

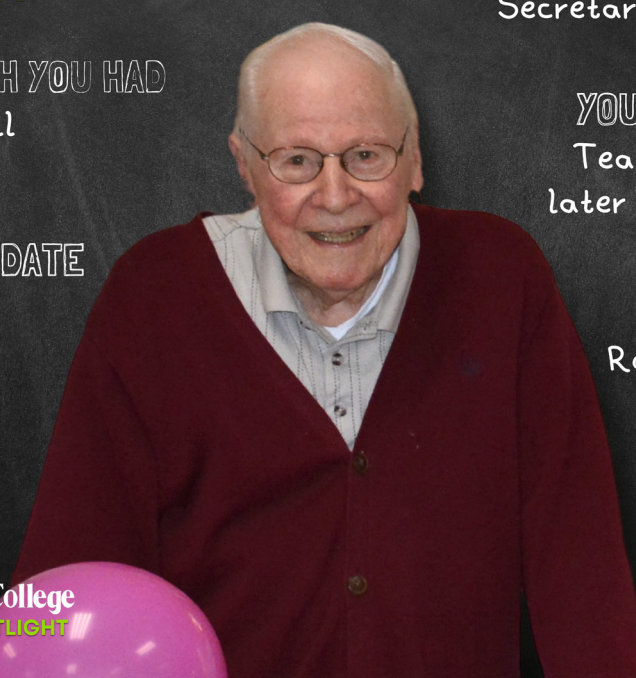
REGISTER TODAY!

The tour will visit significant sites in the history of The Society of the Divine Word and our sister orders. You can see Steyl, Oies, Goch, and the Rhine Valley. The tour also includes stops in Amsterdam, Bavaria, Venice, Florence, and Rome.

This historical trip gives a glimpse into how the SVD began and how Fr. Arnold overcame many obstacles and challenges by God's grace to fulfill God's plan for our religious missionary congregation. This is the trip of a lifetime. [Click HERE for more information](#)

Contact Sandy Wilgenbusch with questions or to REGISTER!

Email: wilgenbu@dwci.edu
Phone: Ext. 302



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