



Monthly donors support DWC students as they discern their call to religious life

They don't remember exactly when they started, but Pat and Shari Curran, from Lansing, Iowa, have been sending Mass intentions and donations to Divine Word College for at least 50 years.

"My mom used to send Mass intentions, so I think that's probably how we knew about Divine Word," said Pat. "I know other older parishioners also sent requests for Masses to Divine Word," mentioned Shari.

The Currans live on a farm between Harpers Ferry and Lansing, Iowa. The farmland has been in Pat's family since the first immigrants came to this region from Ireland in 1848. Pat thinks his mom was sending Mass intentions to Divine Word 70 years ago.

Pat and Shari continue that tradition because they know how badly priests, brothers and sisters are needed around the world.

"I think, knowing the need for priests, and that we are all called to be mission minded, since we ourselves can't go out to a missionary country, this is the best way we have to support missionaries," noted Shari. Not only have the Currans been donors to the college for 50 years, they have also been monthly donors for the past 20 years, because as Shari said, "I think it's important for the college to have a monthly income, not that our donation is that great, but to have an idea what you can budget for. Plus, we always have monthly intentions to pray for."

Even though the Currans have never visited Divine Word College, they feel they know the students and want to continue to help them. "We know there is a shortage of priests and from reading your newsletters and monthly donor letters, the young men who are there are discerning whether or not they want to be a priest or a brother. We think it's important to support them and that's why we support the college."

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