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### Birthday Corner

#### January

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#### February

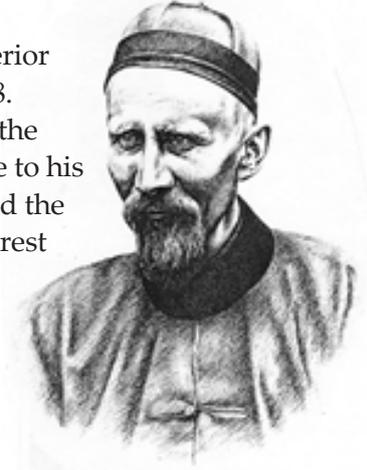
- 1 Jaehyeok Choi
- 1 Dat Quoc Le
- 1 Fr. Anthony Cong Nguyen, SVD
- 1 Fr. Ninh Van Nguyen
- 2 Nhat Minh Hoang
- 2 Fr. Paul Cuong Nguyen, SVD
- 4 Fr. Hilarius Laja Rebo, SVD

### THE PRESIDENT *Fr. Tom Ascheman, SVD*

#### *Celebrate with St. Joseph Freinademetz*

The SVDs started the process of selecting a Provincial Superior for 2020-2023. We have already sent in a nomination ballot for the Provincial and Council, and there will be two more ballots in the coming months. The final decisions are made in Rome by our Superior General and the General Council. The appointments will be known by mid-April.

St. Joseph Freinademetz served as provincial superior in China from 1900 until his death in January 1908. Fr. Joseph was famous for his desire to be among the Chinese people of South Shantung. He once wrote to his family in the Austro-Italian Alps, "I love China and the Chinese. I want to die among them and be laid to rest among them." His great love is what made him a great missionary.



St. Joseph was also well known for his joyful good humor, kindly demeanor, hard work, prayerful life and commitment to caring for other SVD missionaries. He was loved by the other members of the Society who looked to him for fatherly support and encouragement. To this day he is an excellent model for all SVD provincials! After serving as provincial for six years, he wrote to St. Arnold to request that a replacement be named. He wrote, "I seem to lack all the qualities a superior should have to keep the ship afloat. For example, I lack understanding, energy, virtue, love and courage, a way with words." Fr. Arnold wrote back to assure Joseph that he had great confidence in him. He added, "I cannot at present honor your request to be freed from your office of superior. If God wants this he will have to indicate it more clearly." (Thirteen months later Fr. Joseph died in a typhus epidemic.)



As provincial, Fr. Joseph called the confreres together to the central house in Taikia (Daijia) for an annual renewal course. The missionaries would travel quite a distance to share a month of recreation, prayer and study. Freinademetz often

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insisted that good food, some good beer, good company, a time for prayer and study were what was needed to help restore the body, mind and soul of the missionaries.

I think Father Joseph would be happy with the way we are preparing young missionaries here at Divine Word College. We are faithful in prayer, diligent in study, and we know how to party! For a missionary, joyful celebration is as important as study and prayer.

All of our major annual celebrations, Guadalupe, Lunar New Year and St. Josephine Bakhita, Family Feast, Mission Sunday and Holy Week, help to



form us into a joyful and hope-filled college. Tomorrow, on the feast of St. Joseph Freinademetz, you may have an opportunity to lift up a bottle of Tsingtao beer or to dive into a bowl of ice cream. Fr. Joseph certainly lifted a glass of that same Tsingtao beer and he may have known the delights of Chinese ice cream. Let us remember him and be grateful for his remarkable missionary service. Let us also toast our own provincial superiors scattered around the globe.



## Committee Assignments

Some additional committee assignments have been made for the Spring semester. I am very grateful for the willingness of these colleagues to take on the additional tasks of helping to guide and govern our college.

### Board of Administration

Fr. Long Phi Nguyen, SVD (AP) 2020

### Campus Sustainability Committee

Mr. Mark Varghese – student rep. (AP) 2020

### Information Systems Committee

Dr. Ben Winter (AP) 2020-2021

### Interim Faculty Promotion & Awards Committee

Bro. Tony Kreinus, SVD [Chair] 2020

Dr. Ron Condon [DTP] 2020

Bro. Brian McLaughlin, SVD [DIS] 2020

Ms. Michelle Vargo [IELI] 2020

Dr. Mark Garton [At-Large] 2020

### Library Council

Ms. Elizabeth Winter (EO)

## GET INVOLVED!



**Faculty In-Service – Monday 24 February 2020 @ 8:00 a.m. – Noon**  
***No Classes for Undergraduate & ESL Programs***

8:00 – 10:30 a.m. – “Learning How to Think: Teaching Reasoning, Problem Solving, and Critical Thinking Skills,” with Dr. Mark Taylor, M.S.W., Ed.D.

11:00 a.m. – Noon – “Academic Advising in Populi,” with Ms. Kimberly Burnett-Hackbarth

**Part One of the In-Service**—“Learning How to Think: Teaching Reasoning, Problem Solving, and Critical Thinking Skills” – will be conducted by Dr. Mark Taylor. Though critical thinking is espoused as a desired outcome of most college classes and of most instructors, according to employers it is rarely evident in graduates. Many faculty report limited understanding of what critical thinking actually is so they may be unaware of how to lead students to and to measure meaningful critical thinking outcomes. Real critical thinking is a complex process and requires the disciplined application of reasoning and problem solving skills, data interpretation, bias and assumption identification, predicting skills and self-monitoring. In college classes critical thinking may only follow students’ learning a range of requisite thinking and self-knowing skills. This program will help instructors across disciplines better understand how to help their students develop reasoning, problem solving and critical thinking skills to better prepare them for the workplace, civic engagement and a variety of adult roles.

**Part Two of the In-Service**—“Academic Advising in Populi” – will be conducted by Ms. Kimberly Burnett-Hackbarth, DWC Registrar. In this mini-workshop, Ms. Burnett-Hackbarth will familiarize new and returning faculty to the joys of student academic advising within Populi. Participants will learn how to more effectively fulfill their advising responsibilities by utilizing functions such as: the advisor tab, activity feed, transcripts, flags and flag thresholds, degree audits, and registration.

All full-time faculty are required to participate in this Faculty In-Service; adjunct/part-time faculty are welcome, but not required, to attend. If for some reason you are unable to attend, kindly notify the VP for Academic Affairs in advance by email at [jszukalski@dwci.edu](mailto:jszukalski@dwci.edu).

**Faculty Professional Development**

Ms. Gwyneth Gates, Instructor of ESL in the Intensive English Language Institute [IELI], has been granted professional development funding to attend and present at the Language Assessment Research Conference at Brigham Young University from 24-26 March 2020 in Provo, Utah. The title of her presentation is: “Quantitative and Qualitative Analyses of Rehearsed Speech Characteristics on the Oral Proficiency Interview.”

## VICE PRESIDENT FOR FORMATION DEAN OF STUDENTS

Fr. Bang Tran, SVD

### Lunar New Year

Many thanks and sincere congratulations to the VSA and all those who have helped to organize a wonderful celebration of the Lunar New Year. It was truly an occasion to celebrate our rich and diverse interculturality. Well done!

### The Feast of St. Joseph Freinademetz—the first SVD missionary sent to China

The celebration is scheduled for Wednesday, January 29, 2020. We will begin with a solemn Eucharist at 8:00 A.M in the main chapel, evening prayer at 6:00 P.M. Social and dinner will follow immediately in the dining room. All students are required to wear semi-formal for both Mass and evening prayer. Let us come together to join with one voice in thanksgiving and praise to God for his life and missionary zeal. Pray that through his intercession we may grow in greater holiness and be renewed in our commitment to serving God's people with generosity and joy.

Due to the celebration of the feast of St. Joseph Freinademetz, the Formation Group Meeting on Wednesday will begin at 8 PM instead of 7:30 PM as indicated in the College Almanac.

### Mass for Vocations

Scheduled for Friday, January 31, at 8:00 A.M. The Mass is organized by the formation group of SVD juniors. Let us come to pray for an increase of religious vocations, especially for Br. Mike Decker, SVD, and members of his formation group.

### NFL Super Bowl LIV-2020 (Chiefs Vs. 49ers)

Scheduled for Sunday, February 2. As usual, the Student Senate will organize this event. Further information will be posted on the Student Board. Come and have fun!

### Volleyball Tournament

The Sports Department will organize the Volleyball Tournament beginning February 3. All the information and the game schedule will be posted on the Sports Board. Please come out to support your formation teams and each other.



## One Heart, Many Faces

Our rich cultural diversity came together last Saturday during the Lunar New Year celebration. This photo is a wonderful example. *Challenge:* How many cultures/countries are represented in this photo?

Send your answer to: [wilgenbu@dwci.edu](mailto:wilgenbu@dwci.edu)

More photos from Lunar New Year on page 6.

## VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADMISSIONS *Mr. Len Uhal*

### Dubuque Area Vocation Association

The Dubuque Area Vocation Association (DAVA) is sponsoring two upcoming events:

- **Faith on Fire – All are welcome tomorrow night – Wednesday, January 29**
- **Mass Pilgrimage**

There is information about both of these events on the SVD and student bulletin boards. The Faith on Fire program is next week at Clarke University on Wednesday, January 29 at 6:45 PM. All are welcome to attend and hear Katie Prejean McGrady share a message of building faith in Jesus through active participation in the life of the Church. The Mass Pilgrimages goes from February 2 to March 29 and is hosted each Sunday by different religious congregations in the area. Divine Word College will host the pilgrimage on March 1, 2020. Please see the bulletin boards for a schedule of the pilgrimage.

### New Office Hours

Ms. Carolyn Waechter is both the International Student Advisor and the Financial Aid Coordinator. In an effort to give her an adequate amount of uninterrupted time to get her work completed, the Admissions Office will implement new “office hours” effective this week. Students can meet with Carolyn at any time on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursday. No appointment is needed, just drop by the office and she will help you any way she can. However, on Mondays and Fridays, the office will be closed to walk-in student services. In an emergency, students may visit with Carolyn on Mondays and Fridays, but ordinarily, these days will be reserved for paper work that must be completed in a timely manner. Thank you for observing these new office hours. They will continue for the remainder of this academic school year and will be re-evaluated over the summer.

### Divine Word College Presidential Scholarship

Application deadline is this Friday! Students at colleges all over the world look for scholarships to help them cover expenses related to their education—even at seminaries! Students at Divine Word College are no different. Here is a scholarship opportunity that is available to all Divine Word College students who meet the criteria.

Divine Word College first awarded the Presidential Scholarship in 1979. This scholarship is an award to applicants who show superior academic achievement. The Presidential Scholarship is an annual award of \$3,000; it is renewable each year provided the recipient continues to meet the established guidelines. Generally, this award is limited to two (2) each year—there is one scholarship still available for the current academic year.



Criteria for Selection:

New students admitted to the College Program (undergraduate program) at Divine Word College are eligible to apply provided they meet the following criteria:

- Applicants from high school must have a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or above.
- College transfer applicants must have a cumulative college GPA of 3.50 or above.
- Applicants who completed secondary school or college/university studies abroad must have an acceptable equivalent cumulative GPA.

- After the first semester at Divine Word College in the undergraduate program, students who are on the Dean's list may apply.
- Applicants from the DWC English Language Institute may apply when they transition to the undergraduate program. They must have a 3.50 high school GPA (or equivalent) or a college GPA of 3.50. A letter of recommendation is required from the Director of the DWC Intensive English Language Institute.

If you believe you qualify for the DWC Presidential Scholarship, please complete the application form by January 31, which you can obtain from Ms. Carolyn Waechter, the Financial Aid Coordinator. Carolyn can also answer any of your questions.

## Another Scholarship Opportunity: Dangers of Vaping Scholarship

The Pintas and Mullins Law Firm is excited to announce a \$2,500 scholarship to a student committed to not vaping as vaping among young adults has spiked by 900 percent between 2011 and 2015. We are calling it Pinta's Dangers of Vaping Scholarship. This scholarship is open to students enrolled in a four-year college or university, so, your students! The requirements are as follows:

- GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Accepted or enrolled in an accredited college or university
- Write and submit an essay on the topic outlined below
- Agree to Terms and Conditions
- [Complete and submit the application form on this page](#)

We do ask that applicants write and submit a 1000 word essay which answers the following question: *What are the dangers of vaping and why do you choose not to vape?* The deadline to apply is **June 15, 2020**, and students can apply directly on our website at the link below: **Scholarship URL:** <https://www.pintas.com/dangers-of-vaping-scholarship/>

## Mission Experience in Jamaica

The Vocation Office is sponsoring its annual mission experience trip to Jamaica. Anyone interested in more information about the trip can [click here](#) and contact Len Uhal. This trip is open to all members of the DWC community and the general public. The Vocation Office will soon send advertising to all SVD parishes in the USA and Canada to recruit participants. Space is limited; therefore, if you are interested, please contact Len soon for more information. Please note that this trip is not free, but partial scholarships are available for those who qualify.



## Mass for Vocations

Join us on Friday for our monthly Mass for Vocations. Thank you in advance to the SVD Junior and other Religious Junior formation group for planning the liturgy. The Vocation Office greatly appreciates everyone's prayers for our ministry and for all those discerning God's call.

## Where are they now?

Fr. Emilio is on vacation this month and traveled to the Philippines to visit with family, friends and confreres. Fr. Anthony returned to California this weekend and will visit parishes in Riverside, Santa Ana and Los Angeles this week. Fr. Francis is in the Chicago area doing home visits with two candidates this week and will fly to California this coming weekend in preparation for visiting several parishes next week. Bro. Duylinh is hitting the road and will be in Dallas and Houston this week visiting prospective students. Fr. Adam will return to campus for the DAVA Faith on Fire program this week and to “work the phones” connecting with candidates. Len is also on campus this weekend and will also attend the Faith on Fire program in Waterloo and Dubuque.



# Lunar New Year



**A. Fr. Thang Hoang, SVD**, served as presider and homilist for the Lunar New Year liturgy. Born in the Year of the Rat himself, Fr. Thang asked for other “rats” to share their wishes for the new year in their best “rat voice!”

**B.** Students participated in an original dramatization of a traditional Vietnamese folktale – The return of the “kitchen gods” to heaven during Lunar New Year. **Friday Onoja**, in yellow, portrayed the Jade Emperor who receives reports from the kitchen gods on the activities of Divine Word College during the past year. **Ftr. Tin Vu, SVD**, far left, and **Nam Nguyen**, in red, served as Nam Tao and Bac Dau, assistants to the Jade Emperor. **Ftr. Think Cao, SVD**, right, portrayed the god of “sports” at DWC.



**C. Sr. Tho Trinh, ICM**, the god of DWC “liturgy” arrives a bit late for the report because she was delayed in Chicago! A wheelbarrow was the most promising mode of transport.

**D. Sr. Phuong Tran, LHC**, and other sisters performed a traditional tea cup dance.



**January 29 St. Joseph Freinademetz Feast Day**

**February 1 New Freshmen CCTST (California Critical Thinking Skills Test) 10:30 am**

**February 8 St. Josephine Bakhita Celebration** Mass 3:00 pm followed by Banquet

**February 24 Faculty In-Service – No classes for UG and ESL**

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**February 29 March 1 World Wide Marriage Encounter Weekend**

**March 21 Student Lenten Recollection** 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

**March 22 Donaghey Award & Donor Appreciation Mass and Brunch** 10:00 am Mass

**March 28 Loras College Antioch Retreat Service** 6 - 9 pm Held in Main Chapel

**April 9-11 Holy Week Triduum**

**June 15-17 Dubuque Archdiocesan Priest Convocation**