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Rolling Back the Stone

The Franciscan Missionaries of Mary from Vietnam sent me an Easter greeting with the following message:

St. Mark's Gospel tells us that some women went to the tomb in the very early morning to anoint Jesus. They were saying to one another, "Who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back; it was very large.

The message from the FMM's adds that after seeing Jesus risen from the dead, Mary Magdalen went to tell the good news to the other disciples. She was the first Evangelist!



Many women religious here at Divine Word College have had an experience like the women in Mark's Gospel. They have wondered, at some point in their lives, who would roll back the stone for them. Most of the Sisters who have joined us

at DWC have come because there were big obstacles to their pursuit of higher studies. Political repression in some parts of the world prevented some from getting an education that would allow them to integrate their religious belief with other areas of learning. Cultural neglect in other parts of the world resulted in little to no resources being invested in the education of women.



I am proud that DWC can help women experience the stone being rolled away in their lives. I am sure that many are better able to share the good news because of their studies here. As an SVD, I am a happy son of our founder St. Arnold Janssen who insisted that

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the education of women was absolutely essential for building up the Church in every part of the world!

In the past twenty years, more than 150 Sisters have studied at DWC. That is a huge crowd gathered at the tomb to discover that the stone has been rolled back. Their voices are raised in joy as they share good news.

DWC COVID-19 Dashboard

	Number of Tests	Tested Positive	Number Self-Isolated	Number Quarantined	Number Recovered	Vaccination Completed
Before Sept. 15	~200	9	9	~15	9	
Sept. 15 - Dec. 31	220	8	8	~80	8	
Jan. 1 - March 1	354	33	33	~80	33	16
Mar 2 - 15	25	0	0	0	0	9
Mar 16-22	59	0	0	1	0	3
Mar 23 - 29	15	0	0	1	0	8
Mar 30 - Apr 5	9	0	0	0	0	2

The CDC reports: **COVID-19 vaccines teach our immune systems how to recognize and fight the virus** that causes COVID-19. It typically takes two weeks after vaccination for the body to build protection (immunity) against the virus that causes COVID-19. That means it is possible a person could still get COVID-19 before or just after vaccination and then get sick because the vaccine did not have enough time to provide protection. People are considered fully protected two weeks after their second dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, or two weeks after the single-dose Johnson & Johnson's Janssen COVID-19 vaccine.

DWC is assembling a list of students and employees who are interested in receiving a COVID-19 vaccine. Beginning April 5, everyone over 16 is eligible to receive a vaccine. It will take some weeks before sufficient vaccine will be available.



The Triduum

Enjoy a beautiful video that combines scenes from liturgical celebrations from the Holy Triduum. Special thanks to Vuong Minh Vu for sharing his talents and producing this treasure.

<https://youtu.be/KAPFCeb8YwQ>

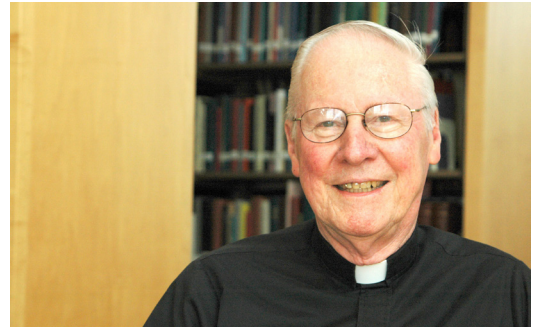
Divine Word Alumni Association

Fr. Thang Hoang, SVD

Fr. Bill Shea, SVD, Scholarship Event

During almost 60 years of service to the Church and the Society of the Divine Word, Fr. Bill Shea has touched many lives as a priest, religious superior, teacher, spiritual director, mentor, tutor, pro-life advocate, coach and friend.

You are invited to join in a special celebration--*in person or virtually*--on **Sunday, April 11** as we inaugurate a scholarship in his name and recognize Fr. Bill's many contributions.



10:00 AM Liturgy

Presider and Homilist – Fr. Bill

A special presentation will immediately follow the liturgy

Link to attend virtually: <https://www.facebook.com/events/773373393287131/>



The Rev. William Shea, SVD Scholarship has been established in honor of Fr. Bill, and aims to provide financial support to students in need of assistance for their undergraduate, cross-cultural, or language studies at Divine Word College.

You can still contribute!

If you would like to make a gift to The William Shea, SVD Scholarship, visit the college website at www.dwci.edu/sheascholarship or give directly to the development office.

VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Fr. John Szukalski, SVD

New Faculty Senate President & Secretary

On 30 April 2021, the Faculty Senate held scheduled elections for President and Secretary with the following results.

- **Faculty Senate President:** Dr. Joshua Young, Assistant Professor of Communication in the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies will begin his two-year term as Faculty Senate President in August 2021.
- **Faculty Senate Secretary:** Ms. Sharon Sinton, Senior Instructor of ESL in the Intensive English Language Institute will begin her one-year term as Faculty Senate Secretary in August 2021.

Many thanks to the outgoing Faculty Senate President, Mr. Daniel Williams, and outgoing Faculty Senate Secretary, Bro. Brian McLaughlin SVD, for their service over the past two years!



Registration For Undergraduate Fall 2021 Semester: 7-9 April 2021

Undergraduate student registration will take place from Wednesday 7 April through Friday 9 April 2021. All returning undergraduate students should schedule an appointment with their academic advisor to review their academic progress in preparation for registration. Make plans now to register on time; registration closes on Friday 9 April at 3:00 p.m. Consult the course schedule published by the Registrar and plan your registration accordingly.

A Student Course Over/Under Load [S-LOAD] form must be completed by undergraduate students and the academic advisor at the time of registration whenever students are requesting a course overload (19 credit hours or more) or a course underload (14 credit hours or less). The S-LOAD form is available on the [DWC website under the DWC Community > Student Forms](#).

Dialogos Academic Newsletter – Spring 2021 Edition

All Undergraduate and ESL faculty who were granted professional development funding during the 2020-2021 Academic Year—and have not already done so—should submit a brief written article for publication in the Spring 2021 edition of the DIALOGOS academic newsletter. The article may concisely highlight one or two aspects of learning from your professional development activity for sharing with academic colleagues. Recommended length: 250-500 words.

Kindly submit your contribution to the Registrar, Ms. Kimberly Burnett-Hackbarth, no later than Friday 16 April 2021. Publication date: Tuesday 27 April 2021.

VICE PRESIDENT FOR FORMATION DEAN OF STUDENTS

Fr. Long Phi Nguyen, SVD

Happy Easter

Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia! Many heartfelt thanks to the liturgy committee, musicians, lectors, cantors, sacristans, ministers, confessors, presiders, visual and sound technicians, decorators, and all those who contributed significantly in different ways to make the solemnity of the Holy Week joyful, uplifting, and meaningful. Special thanks to the Student Senate for organizing the Stations of the Cross and Easter Egg Hunt. May the risen Lord rekindle in our hearts with new hope, love, and joy.

Covid 19 Vaccination

We have received the good news that beginning Monday, April 5, 2021, all Iowans age 16 and above are eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. While vaccine supply is limited, it may take a few weeks to finish every one. Br. Mike Decker is gathering your contact information to begin the process.

Kindly send me your phone number as soon as possible. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me or Br. Mike Decker, SVD.

Liturgical Education

As usual, Liturgical Education will replace the Liturgy Prep, on Thursday, April 8, at 1:00 P.M, in the main chapel. Fr. Stephen Kha Nguyen, SVD, will present the topic about the Spirituality of the Liturgy. All students are required to attend.

Summer Vacation

The summer vacation is around the corner; and it is imperative to begin to make your vacation plans and travel arrangements as soon as possible. Please do not wait till the last minute as things become complicated. As indicated in the Almanac, summer vacation begins May 15 and returns by August 9 -11. Permission for other traveling arrangements must be approved by the Dean. Please make an appointment with Fr. Son Le, SVD. for your travel purchase. If any further concerns, please contact me.

Roadside Clean-Up

This event will be rescheduled for next Saturday, April 17, at the same time. For further information, please contact Br. Brian McLaughlin, SVD.

Cultural Week Celebration

An important facet of the Religious Formation Program at Divine Word College Seminary is preparation for intercultural community living. The program aims to enable the candidates not only to learn to appreciate their own culture and the cultures of the world, but also help them to develop the ability to challenge and critique their own and other cultures. It encourages the candidates to gradually deepen their commitment to life in intercultural religious community as they leave their comfort zone to actively build up the community through mutual care, respect, and support.

Beginning, Monday, April 12 until Friday, April 16, I invite the whole community to celebrate the Nigerian Culture of our three students (Friday Onoja, Sr. Angela Omola, SON and Sr. Francisca Aorakaa, SON). Each day they will prepare a short video that presents some aspects of Nigeria. On Thursday, April 15, they will share their cultural heritage with the entire student body at the Dean's Forum, 1:00pm-1:25pm in the main Chapel. All are welcome to join this

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Holy Thursday Collection

The total for the Holy Thursday Collection was \$1,750.00. Thank you to all who so generously donated to the Rio Grande Catholic Charities for migrant families.

Roadside Cleanup

Saturday, April 17 will be Roadside Cleanup from 9:00-10:00. Bro. Brian will post a sign-up sheet for this. The purpose of this project is to do our part in cleaning up the environment.

Native American Culture and Traditions

The University of Iowa will be celebrating and honoring Native American culture and traditions with the wider Iowa community. The Native American Student Association of the University of Iowa will host the 26th annual PowWow. To find out more information about this event, please visit: <https://powwow.uiowa.edu/>. If you are interested in attending, please let Bro. Brian know.