

# Long-time donors help sustain the mission

**If it is true that in giving, we receive, then the long-time benefactors of Divine Word College have surely been rewarded for their generosity.**



Joe and Judy Oglesby

The college is fortunate to have loyal benefactors who, like the seminarians, say “yes” to the call they hear in their heart. Joe Oglesby’s connection to DWC was established when he was a child growing up in Dubuque during the mid-1960s. His dad displayed the seminary’s Sacred Heart Calendar in the family’s kitchen and encouraged his children to give to the less fortunate. As Joe grew older and became an altar server at St. Patrick’s, he remembers his parish priest treating the servers to an occasional swim at the DWC pool.

“These memories have left an impression in my heart, mind and soul,” he said. Though he and his wife Judy live in Florida now, more than 1,000 miles from Epworth, Joe’s connection to the college remains strong. For more than 20 years, the couple has made monthly donations to aid the college’s unique mission to prepare students for Catholic missionary service. “I may not be able to do what they can do, but I can support God’s work and thank them for their lifetime devotion to God!” Joe said. Being associated with Divine Word College makes him feel that God is always with

him. “In giving a monthly donation, I truly have received a lifetime of blessings,” he said. “I can only hope others are able to feel the warmth in their hearts when giving what the Lord has blessed and bestowed upon us!”

Geraldine and Michael Maloy, of Dubuque, have been monthly donors for more than 45 years. Now retired, Geraldine spent 40 years working as an elementary school teacher. She said supporting Divine Word College allowed her to foster the education of young missionaries and support their vocational journey.



Geraldine and Michael Maloy

“I felt a responsibility to give back in some way,” she said. Each day, Geraldine tries to follow the famous advice of Stephen Grellet by doing what she can for others, because she knows that she only has one opportunity to pass through this world. So she will not miss a chance to show some kindness, if she is able. “I get calls from people every week wanting me to become a donor and there’s only so far you can spread yourself,” she said. “I just wanted to give locally when we can, because I know it’s going to a worthy cause.”

*To learn more about becoming a monthly donor, contact Mark Singsank at 563-876-0097 or [singsank@dwci.edu](mailto:singsank@dwci.edu).*

## NEW LED LIGHTS ILLUMINATE SAVINGS

Last year, *Divine Word College* replaced most outdoor lights on campus and bulbs in the main building with energy-efficient LED lights.

- The total cost for the project was approximately \$93,000.
- The college received nearly \$42,000 in donations from benefactors for the improvements.
- In-kind work by DWC students reduced labor costs by \$2,500.

- Interstate Power and Light Company provided approximately \$39,000 in rebates and Sitler’s LED Supplies donated \$1,000.
- A \$2,500 grant from the Dubuque Racing Association supported the exterior lighting update, which has enhanced the quality of images captured on campus security cameras.
- Approximately \$6,000 was paid for out of the college’s operating budget.

**Since the installation, DWC’s annual electric bill has been reduced by an estimated \$18,000!**