



This academic year, 15 students graduated from Divine Word College. Frt. Vinh Phuc Nguyen, ICM was the valedictorian speaker and Ms. Donna Puccio, the retiring Executive Secretary to the President, was the principal speaker during the commencement exercises.

Congratulations to all of our graduates!



Sr. Dieu Tuyet Thi Nguyen, LHC

Hue, Vietnam

- B.A. Intercultural Studies

- *Plans after*

graduation? I will help my sisters do ministry in Des Moines.

- *How has your experience at DWC impacted your faith?* DWC has provided me a good environment with many activities, especially for spiritual life. I am very grateful.



Mr. Nay Kaw Sho

Fort Worth, Texas

- B.A. Philosophy

- *Plans after graduation?* After graduation, I will

probably work and do some traveling.

- *What is the greatest lesson you learned at DWC?* The greatest lesson I learned at DWC was being a leader, which I never thought I was capable of.



Mr. Ha Si Bao Nguyen

Cam Lam, Khanh Hoa, Vietnam

- B.A. Philosophy

- *Plans after graduation?* I will

continue to study.

- *What is the greatest lesson you learned at DWC?* To be balanced in everything in life.



Mr. Hoang Huy Nguyen

Phoenix, Arizona

- B.A. Philosophy
- *Plans after graduation?* My plan for after graduation is to enter novitiate and continue my formation with the Society of the Divine Word.

• *How has your experience at DWC impacted your faith?* With the help of the formation program, I have been able to live out my faith through daily Mass, prayer, and reflections. Through those experiences, I have learned to deeply reflect on scripture, applying it to my daily life. I formed a better understanding of myself and through that experience, formed a more intimate relationship with God.



Mr. Quoc Dinh Nguyen

Qui Nhon City, Vietnam

- B.A. Philosophy
- *Plans after graduation?* I plan to visit my friends and then move to Chicago for novitiate with the SVD where I'll

continue discerning my vocation.

• *How has your experience at DWC impacted your faith?* My experiences at DWC taught me lessons that helped my faith grow. In the multicultural environment at DWC, I learned how to worship God through Mass in various cultures, which helped me have a different view of my faith.



Sr. Tuyen Thanh Thi Nguyen, IHM

Nha Trang City, Khanh Hoa Province, Vietnam

- B.A. Intercultural Studies
- *Plans after graduation?* I am working toward an M.A. degree in social work at Clarke University.

• *How do you plan to share your faith with others in the future?* Being called as a disciple of Christ, I will share what I have learned at DWC with others in my future ministry. I cultivate a community of faith wherever I serve. Sharing my faith with others means guiding them to imitate Christ, who is the model of Christian life. I will bring His love and make His name known to those I encounter.



Frt. Vinh Phuc Nguyen, ICM

Ninh Thuan, Vietnam

- B.A. Philosophy
- *Plans after graduation?* I plan to continue my theology studies.

• *How has your experience at DWC impacted your faith?* At DWC, I learned and realized many important things. Truly, without learning at DWC, I would not have had the opportunities to discover them. For me, DWC is a good environment to build up and develop a missionary. In addition, I am also impressed by the intercultural worship from many areas around the world, which I will share with others.



Sr. Thuan Kim Thi Phan, LHC

Ha Tinh Province, Vietnam

- B.A. Theology & Mission
- *Plans after graduation?* I am applying for an Overseas Training Program to teach catechism in Arlington, TX. My further plans are still under consideration.

• *How has your experience at DWC impacted your faith?* Each of my experiences at DWC – whether it was encountering people, attending liturgical services, attending classes or joining other activities – nourished my faith in various ways. I found God in knowledge, in people from different cultures and in the activities at DWC.



Sr. Norelly Rodriguez Manosalva, RCS

Bucaramanga, Santander, Colombia

- B.A. Theology & Mission
- *Plans after graduation?* Since March 16, 2022, I have been working at St. Francisco de Sales College in Soledad,

Atlántico, a city on the Caribbean Coast of Colombia. I worked there previously for 7 years.

• *How has your experience at DWC impacted your faith?* My experience at Divine Word College has significantly impacted my faith as I have had the opportunity to review, learn and rekindle my faith in the diversity of cultures and perceptions of faith at DWC. Theology within its theory and practice made my growth in faith possible. I am grateful to the members of the Society of the Divine Word: They make a difference in our lives!



Sr. Duong Thuy Thi Nguyen, LHC
Dak Lak Province, Vietnam

- B.A. Theology & Mission
- *Plans after graduation?* I plan to serve my small community in Des Moines for a period of time.

• *How do you plan to share your faith with others in the future?* As a sister, I plan to share my faith with those who I have the opportunity to work, serve and live with. My faith in God's love and mercy will be shared while working with kids and encountering parishioners. I believe that by doing little acts of service for God's people, my faith can inspire others in their journey of faith.



Sr. Tram Thu Thi Tran, IHM
Nha Trang, Khanh Hoa, Vietnam

- B.A. Intercultural Studies
- *Plans after graduation?* I will study for a master's degree in social work at Clarke University in Dubuque, Iowa.

• *What is the greatest lesson you learned at DWC?* The greatest lesson I learned at DWC is that living in an intercultural community not only opens our hearts and our minds so that we can share with others what we have, but it also allows us to accept and respect the differences in each other, like who we are.



Sr. Tho Thi Trinh, ICM
Thanh Hoa Province, Vietnam

- B.A. Theology & Mission
- *Plans after graduation?* I am pursuing an M.A. degree in Christian spirituality with a concentration in spiritual direction at Loyola University Chicago. I plan to finish this program in two years.

• *How has your experience at DWC impacted your faith?* I don't think I could find another college where everyone is so friendly and knows one another by name despite their different positions, professions, races, or ages. As I reflect on my six-year journey at DWC, I strongly believe my faith became more mature in my relationship with God through relationships and friendships with others. Even though DWC is a small college, it contains huge challenges, as well as great opportunities for a missionary to grow maturely if she/he wants to be a disciple of Christ.



**Fr. Jean d'Amour
Dusengumuremyi**
Burera District, Northern Province
of Rwanda

- A.A. Intercultural Studies
- *Plans after graduation?* I plan to join Saint John's University, in Minnesota to

further my studies in theology, focusing on reconciliation and guidance.

• *How has your experience at DWC impacted your faith?* My experience at DWC has impacted my faith, especially through the celebration of the Eucharist each morning, accompanied by rich reflections on the Word of God. I had wonderful opportunities to listen to different preachers and each one inspired me, as everyone has a personal gift to interpret the Word of God. For a priest, it's very helpful to have this opportunity to listen more than to speak or to preach. I was also touched by the vocation stories that many students shared. I realized that each person has a sacred history and if we are open to one another, God speaks to us through our neighbor.



Fr. Polycarp Khaw Nei Thawng
Falam (Khuangli), Chin State, Myanmar

- A.A. Intercultural Studies
- *Plans after graduation?* I'll go to Rock Island, Illinois, for my Overseas Training Program in preparation for further studies.

• *How do you plan to share your faith with others in the future?* I have nothing other than my way of life – sharing my life and serving others.



Mr. Khoa Kinh Bui
Costa Mesa, California

- Certificate Pre-Theology
- *Plans after graduation?* I will continue my priesthood discernment at a theologate seminary.

• *How do you plan to share your faith with others in the future?* I think each of us is called to participate in the mission of the Church through ordinary pastoral ministry, bringing people to the Church, and sharing Christ with those who haven't known Him.