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THE PRESIDENT *Fr. Tom Ascheman, SVD*

The long and the short of Mission

As this extraordinary Mission Month of October draws to a close, I want to say something about the long goal of missionary service, and something about the shorter, more immediate goals that make up a life of missionary discipleship.

The **long goal of mission** is that which we pray for every time we pray as Jesus taught us to pray. "Father, may your Kingdom come; may your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." The coming of the Kingdom in all its fullness is an audacious goal, and an amazing adventure. Everything will be changed. We ourselves will be grateful recipients of a radical upgrade! John's first letter tells us:

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed - we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. (1 Jn 3:2)

That's the long goal, the transformation of all things. The remaking of the entire universe. We have to think big to get even the tiniest glimpse of what is coming with the fullness of the Kingdom.

The short goal of mission is to build up missionary friendships. These are the rather unusual friendships between people whose home groups are often at serious odds with one another. Think of Jesus' unusual friends. He befriended Samaritans and centurions. He befriended the wealthy and the poor. He counted both Jews and Gentiles in his company. And he constantly reached out to those whose faith was weak or self-righteous.

On Mission Sunday, Divine Word College had a great opportunity to welcome friends from all over the area to come and celebrate with us. There was music, dance, costumes and FOOD! In the midst of it all, we built us some missionary friendships.



Last Sunday, we were *not* the ones doing the inviting. Rather, it was the people of our neighborhood who invited our participation. The picture attached shows a wonderful moment of missionary friendships in the making. Mrs. Diane

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McDermott was particularly instrumental in arranging for a meet and greet over donuts and coffee. Then in the evening, the leadership of the St. Elizabeth Pastorate (including Peosta, Epworth, Farley, Placid and Bankston) invited many of the SVDs who help the parish with liturgy, preaching and prayer, to come and share a meal of appreciation. They invited, and we showed up! Something missionary is happening every time we build up another friendship. The many small steps of invitation, welcome and showing up are the foundation upon which the Kingdom of God is built.



VICE PRESIDENT FOR FORMATION DEAN OF STUDENTS

Fr. Bang Tran, SVD

Mass for Vocations – A friendly reminder that the Mass for Vocations will be on Wednesday, October 30th, organized by the formation group of Romans. Please come to pray for all the members of the Romans.

Liturgical Education – scheduled for Thursday, October 31st, at 1:00 P.M in room 107. The topic is focused on the Eucharist, presented by Fr. Thang Hoang, SVD. It is obligatory for all students to attend.

Halloween Day – On Thursday, October 31st, the community is invited to dress up in their favorite costume to celebrate Halloween. Judging for the best costume will take place during lunch (organized by Mr. Mark Singsank).

- The Student Senate will also organize the Halloween Celebration in the evening. It begins with evening prayer at **5:15 P.M** in the main chapel. After the prayer, the community proceeds to the dining room where there will be presentations about Halloween, group activities and pumpkin contest among the formation groups.
- Dinner will be served at approximately **6:30 P.M.**

Annual Retreats – the formation group of Romans, Ephesians, and the Child Jesus will have their annual retreat, beginning from Friday, November 1st until Sunday, November 3rd. Please kindly remember them in your prayers.

All Souls Day – Saturday, November 02, begins with a solemn Eucharist at 9:00 A.M in the main chapel. We are expecting many guests and benefactors to join us for the Eucharist and the reception that follows. Please help us to welcome and make them feel at home. Thanks!

Daylight Saving Time –Clocks are turned **back one hour** at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 3rd, 2019.

VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADMISSIONS *Mr. Len Uhal*

National Vocation Awareness Week

November 3-9 is National Vocation Awareness Week. Since 1976, the U.S. Catholic bishops have designated a week throughout the year to promote vocations to consecrated life, the priesthood and the diaconate. To learn more, visit the NRVC website and the USCCB website.

The Word Among Us

The latest issue of *The Word Among Us* arrived. The vocation office staff will get those into the student mailboxes on Wednesday. We will have a few extra copies in the SVD lounge and the vocation office. Stop by the vocation office if you would like a copy of the booklet in Spanish.

Where are they now?

While Bro. Duylinh is traveling to Louisville and Bowling Green, Kentucky, to visit candidates and the Burmese community, Fr. Emilio is in California this week promoting vocations. Fr. Anthony is on campus for the first part of the week, and then heads to Denver, Colorado, to give a youth retreat at Vietnamese Martyrs Parish. Fr. Adam is leading a retreat for the Holy Spirit Adoration Sisters in Lincoln, Nebraska, and Len is on campus this week. Both Len and Fr. Adam will be in Chicago next week attending the board meeting for the National Religious Vocation Conference.

ASSOCIATE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR *Mr. Mark Singsank*

All Souls Day

Our annual All Souls Day Mass and reception will be Saturday, November 2. More than 100 friends of Divine Word College will be here for 9 am Mass followed by a reception. Please join us for the reception in the dining room.

The All Souls Day Mass is a special way for all who attend to remember a loved one who passed away during the previous year. Remembering a loved one with a Mass can be a very helpful part of the grieving process for many people. With that in mind, we want to make this a very special day for all who attend.



October 30 – Faculty Interview

Mr. Lawrence Metzger, ESL faculty candidate

November 2– All Souls Days

Mass at 9:00 a.m. followed by a reception in the dining room.

November 5 – Faculty Interview

Ms. Elsa Richter, ESL faculty candidate

November 8 – Faculty Interview

Ms. Karolina Achirri, ESL faculty candidate

November 8–9 - Teams of Lady Retreat

15 – 20 married couples will participate in a retreat designed to help them grow together in spirituality. Deacon Tom Lange is organizing the retreat.

November 9 - Loras College Antioch Retreat

Loras College will hold a reconciliation service in the main chapel from 6 – 9 PM.

November 16 – FAN Club Bowling

1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

All students who participate in the FAN Club are expected to participate with your FAN Club family in the bowling event.

November 20 – Matthew 25 Celebration

6:00 p.m. Vespers following by the banquet.