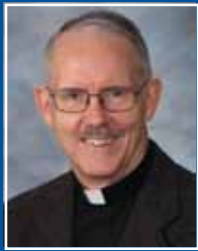


A Word from the President:



Fr. Tom Ascheman, SVD

Students at DWC learn to do many things in the course of their studies. Many learn to speak English, others Spanish. Some study philosophy or theology; others study different cultures. But these are not the most important things young missionaries need to know.

The most important thing is to know how to BE WITH others and to love them.

At the beginning of each semester, I remind students that Jesus knew how to befriend everyone. His love for all humanity, each and every one of us, is more important than any miracle. He showed his love for people who were different from him—prostitutes, tax collectors, foreigners. He loved religious leaders and his own disciples, though they often misunderstood him.

Jesus knew how to be with people and to love them. He loved us all, and gave up his life for us.

If you ever met someone like Bro. Wayne Till, SVD, you can understand how important it is to BE WITH someone. Wayne could do many things, but he was especially talented at knowing how to give his love away to the people he was with.

Fr. Tom

He Did Small Things with Great Love

He had a gift for giving in the small ways that touch your heart, bring a smile to your face or make your job easier. His ministry was of small, everyday things—running an errand, fixing a machine, changing a watch battery, making a new staff member feel welcome, brushing snow off cars, helping ESL students with their English, showing them how to count change, writing a sympathy note to a friend or benefactor—so many missionary acts of kindness.

Brother Wayne Till, SVD, 85, retired missionary and beloved member of the Divine Word College community, died February 8, at Techny, Illinois. The memory of his kindness brought the Divine Word College community, friends and family to the Main Chapel for his funeral Mass on February 16.

“He was like a father or grandfather or brother, he was always joking around,” said Peggy Kass, a member of the kitchen staff. “If you were having a bad day, he could feel that, he was so easy to talk to. He will be missed.”

Born Nov. 19, 1933 on a farm near Bellevue, Iowa, Bro. Wayne graduated from St. Joseph High School in 1951 and entered the SVD’s seminary at Techny, Illinois. Professing perpetual vows in 1960, he was assigned to Australia, where he worked on SVD dairy farms. Always good with his hands, a decade later he trained in mechanics and traveled to Papua New Guinea, where he served the people by keeping their fishing boats, motorcycles and chainsaws working. He went on to serve a variety of missionary roles until 1998 when he returned to the U.S. and joined the development office staff at DWC.

Diagnosed with a terminal illness last year, Bro. Wayne moved to Techny in October. He lies at rest in St. Mary’s Cemetery at Techny.

Sr. Huyen Tran Phan, OCist, a junior in the Philosophy and Religious Studies program, developed a close friendship with Bro. Wayne since her first year at DWC when she was learning English. “I’m still crying because I still feel my loss of him,” she said. “But I am really happy for him because he is happy in God’s arms now.”



This photo from the 2013 Sacred Heart Calendar shows Bro. Wayne with Sr. Sara Juarez Guardado, SSpS, one of many ESL students he enjoyed tutoring at Divine Word College.



Bro. Wayne Till, SVD