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THE PRESIDENT *Fr. Tom Ascheman, SVD*

We Shall Overcome

Yesterday, on Dr. Martin Luther King Day, Fr. Ky Dinh SVD shared a story of his life in the 1990's in Atlanta during the early days of his arrival in the United States.

He was a student at a community college, and there he learned of the

history of slavery, of emancipation, and of the century of Jim Crow segregation that followed. He also read about the struggle for civil rights, coming to admire the leadership of Dr. King.

Fr. Ky recalled one song that he learned then, one that was used widely in the 1950's and 1960's during the struggle for civil rights and racial justice. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/We_Shall_Overcome

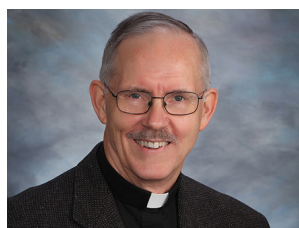
We shall overcome; we shall overcome someday.

Deep in my heart, I do believe that we shall overcome someday.

We'll walk hand in hand; we'll walk hand in hand someday.

Deep in my heart, I do believe that we shall overcome someday."

In August 1963 during a massive rally in Washington DC, when Rev. King gave his timeless I Have A Dream speech, folk-singer and social activist Joan Baez led the crowd of 300,000 people in that song. It filled the crowd with hope and courage for the ongoing struggle.



In our day, we await the inauguration of a new administration. President Biden and Vice-President Harris have identified "four overlapping and compounding crises" that challenge the people of the USA and other parts of the world: COVID, the economic

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downturn, climate change, and racial justice. The future looks daunting, especially given the fear, violence and division evident in the nation.

In this week of prayer for Christian Unity, the overall theme is from John 15, the same text that inspires the mural in the main chapel at DWC. The Evangelist quotes Jesus: "I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing." **We need God's grace, and we need one another...** only then can we overcome someday.

Shortly before his assassination, Rev. King closed his sermon with the words of the song, "We shall overcome. We shall overcome. Deep in my heart, I do believe we shall overcome. And I believe it because somehow the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends towards justice...."

DWC COVID-19 Dashboard

| | Number of Tests | Tested Positive | Number Self-Isolated | Number Quarantined | Number Recovered |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Before Sept. 15 | ~200 | 9 | 9 | ~15 | 9 |
| Sept. 15 - Dec. 31 | 220 | 8 | 8 | ~80 | 8 |
| Jan. 1 - 11 | 148 | 6 | 6 | 22 | 0 |
| Jan. 12 - 18 | 31 | 2 | 8 | 29 | 6 |

Two students tested positive in the last week. They are on-campus in isolation. They hope to complete their isolation and be back with the community by the end of the week.

Many students completed quarantine or isolation last week. Currently no students are in quarantine, nor any SVDs. One staff member is currently quarantined.

VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Fr. John Szukalski, SVD

Faculty Professional Development Annual Data Collection for Calendar Year 2020

Divine Word College encourages and facilitates ongoing professional development for instructional faculty. Indeed, ongoing professional development is necessary for faculty to maintain “a high level of subject matter knowledge and ensures that course content is current, accurate, representative, and appropriate to the position of the course within the student’s program of studies.” (DWC Policy Handbook 7.05.01) One criterion for accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission states: “The institution has processes and resources for assuring that instructors are current in their disciplines and adept in their teaching roles; it supports their professional development.” (HLC Criterion 3.C.4)

Through the Office of the VP for Academic Affairs, the College provides ample opportunity and generous funding for faculty ongoing professional development both for internal events (Faculty Institute, Faculty In-Services, web-based training) and for participation in external events (professional conferences and workshops). Understandably, external opportunities have been severely limited due to COVID this past year.

In order to accurately document that all faculty are actively engaged in ongoing professional development activities, the VP for Academic Affairs Office compiles and publishes an Annual Report on Faculty Professional Development for submission to the Board of Administration and the Board of Trustees. All faculty, excluding adjuncts, are kindly requested to briefly list their professional development activities during calendar year 2020 (1 January – 31 December) using the six categories indicated below. If there was no activity in a particular category, simply write “nothing to report.” A listing of Safe Colleges Training modules will be included for each member automatically. Please email your report to the Registrar, Ms. Kimberly Burnett-Hackbarth, no later than noon on Friday 5 February 2021. Thanks in advance for your collaboration.

- Professional Memberships
- Publications (Monograph/Article)
- Conference Presentations
- Conferences Attended
- Performances, Exhibitions
- Other (personal study, research, webinars, etc.)

VICE PRESIDENT FOR FORMATION DEAN OF STUDENTS

Fr. Long Phi Nguyen, SVD

Mission Talk

Due to the Pandemic, this year’s mission talk will be presented virtually through ZOOM by Frt. Carl Gales, SVD, at 7:30 PM on Friday night, January 22, 2021. Frt. Carl is a third-year student of theology at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. He did his Cross-Cultural Training Program in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Each formation group will be designated to different rooms to view and participate in the talk. Meeting locations will be posted on the Student Board.

Recollection Day

Our beginning of year recollection will also be given virtually by Fr. Sonny De Class, SVD on Saturday, January 23, 2021, beginning at 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM. There will be two masses synchronously both in the main chapel and in the Mother of Asia chapel. The reception of new SVD candidate, Long Ngoc Hai Nguyen, takes place at the end of the mass.

Mass for Vocation

Our monthly mass for vocation is scheduled for Wednesday, January 27 at 8:00 AM. The mass will be facilitated by the Ephesians formation group. Let us join Fr. Thang Hoang, SVD, and members of his formation group in giving thanks to God for our vocation and to pray for an increase in vocations to religious life.

Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has a history of over 100 years, in which Christians around the world have taken part in an octave of prayer for visible Christian unity. By annually observing the WPCU, Christians move toward the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper "that they all may be one." (cf. John 17:21). I encourage you to join our daily community evening prayer at 6:00 PM in the main chapel.

Weekly Formation group Mass and Prayer

Promoting social distancing and other practices to keep our community safe and healthy, the Formation Team decided to schedule weekly formation group mass and prayer to designated locations. The following schedule begins the week of January 18, 2021.

| LOCATION | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|---|-----|-------------|-----|---|-----|----------------------------|
| | | | | | | |
| MAIN CHAPEL | LCM | LCM | LCM | LCM | LCM | LCM 8:00 am 11:15 am |
| MOTHER OF ASIA (Crypt) | | EPHESIANS | | AVILA—1 st wk CHILD JESUS—2 nd wk CALCUTTA—3 rd wk | | Available as needed. |
| QUEEN OF THE AMERICAS (Ground Floor) | | SVD JUNIORS | | ROMANS | | |
| MOTHER OF THE WORD (2Floor) | | GALATIANS | | COLOSSIANS | | |

LCM = Large Community Mass both in the main chapel and in the Mother of Asia chapel

Effective, January 18, 2021
Fr. Long Phi Nguyen, SVD
Dean of Students

COLLEGE COUNSELOR

Ms. Megan Sutton, LMHC

Seasonal Affective Disorder

Seasonal affective disorder (SAD) is a type of depression that's related to changes in seasons. SAD symptoms can start in the fall and continue into the winter months, sapping your energy and making you feel moody.

Symptoms specific to **Winter-Onset SAD**, sometimes called **Winter Depression**, may include: Oversleeping, appetite changes, a craving for foods high in carbohydrates, weight gain, and tiredness or low energy.

Take signs and symptoms of seasonal affective disorder seriously. As with other types of depression, SAD can get worse and lead to problems. These can include: Social withdrawal, school or work problems, substance abuse, other mental health disorders such as anxiety or eating disorders, and suicidal thoughts or behavior.

Don't brush off that yearly feeling as simply a case of the "winter blues" or a seasonal funk that you have to tough out on your own. Take steps to keep your mood and motivation steady throughout the year. (*Adapted from: Mayo Clinic*)



VICE PRESIDENT FOR OPERATIONS

Mr. Steve Winger

Chapel Ceiling Repairs

As many of you have surely noticed, there has been equipment and ramps set up in the Chapel. During the roof replacement work, over the summer, a small dome was accidentally broken and rain got in. Damage to the ceiling was minor except for the gold paint at the front of the Chapel, which began to peel off. Geisler roofing hired a professional painter to restore the gold paint. This work requires great attention to detail to get the color correct. We have been pleased with the work and expect completion sometime this week. Thank you for your patience as we complete these repairs.