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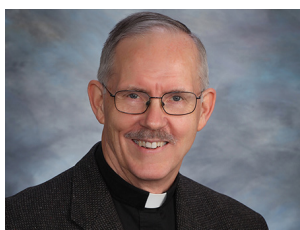
## Welcome Home, Mother of Asia

You may have noticed a new painting outside the Mother of Asia Crypt Chapel. The Chinese Madonna and Child is a gift from the family of our philosophy professor, Dr. Roman Ciapalo. In mid-August, he sent me a note:

*My wife and I would like to donate to DWC a painting that belonged to my wife's mom. It is a large framed painting (on silk) of a Chinese Madonna and Child. Its provenance is rather interesting. It was bought by my late mother-in-law at the SVD gift shop in Techny, Illinois in the early 1970's and has been in the family ever since.*



*My understanding is that in the old days when missionaries returned to Techny... after many years of work in China, some of them brought back items that they had acquired during their stay there. Ultimately bequeathed them to the SVD community, some... were subsequently sold in the gift shop. To hear my mother-in-law (and her mother, who was the consummate antique huntress in the family), Techny was a treasure trove of wonderful curiosities and collectibles.*



*In any event, my wife and I thought that, perhaps the best thing to do is to return it to its home. We*

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*would keep the painting ourselves, except that we have no room for it in our small house. And, I have always been very uncomfortable in selling any artifact that has religious significance, anyway.*

A note, attached to the back of the painting, tells the story of how it arrived here at DWC:

*This painting was donated to Divine Word College on August 17, 2021 by the family of Blanche and Tom Babcock (Three Lakes, Wisconsin).*

*The painting was purchased by Blanche Babcock from the Divine Word Missionaries Religious Gift Shop (Techny, Illinois) in the 1970's and had remained in the family ever since.*

*It appears that it had been brought back from China by one of the SVD missionaries who returned to Techny after the conclusion of his missionary work, and eventually was sold in the gift shop after the missionary's passing.*

And now, it has returned home.

DWC has long welcomed travelers back from China. A generation of SVD professors, who worked in China and/or Taiwan, came to Divine Word College after leaving China in the 1950's. In the early 1970's they included:

- Fr. Harold Rigney SVD (anthropology) second president of Divine Word College.
- Fr. William Fitzgibbon SVD (physics) taught in the philosophy department.
- Fr. Edgar Oehler SVD (chemistry) taught science and the former science labs were dedicated in his name.
- Fr. Clifford King SVD in retirement.
- Br. Pat Hogan SVD (linguistics and ESL) helped establish the ESL program at DWC.

Some students from those early years at Epworth included two more who have spent many years re-founding Fu Jen University at Taipei.

- Fr. Frank Budenholzer SVD (physics)
- Fr. Dan Bauer SVD (comparative literature)

Many more, over the years, have had a Chinese connection, including Fr. Dennis Callan SVD who is one of the spiritual directors this year.

Of course, we should also remember Fr. Thomas Megan SVD from Eldora Iowa. He worked for many years in China and became the first American SVD prefect apostolic (bishop) in China. He was a tireless missionary who was greatly admired. That is why we have Megan hall on our campus to this day.

Welcome home, Madonna and Child. You are in good company here.

## DWC COVID-19 Dashboard

	Number of Tests	Tested Positive	Number Self-Isolated	Number Recovered	Vaccination Completed
2020-2021	913	101	101	101	129
August 1- 14	165	0	0	0	1
August 15 - 21	46	0	0	0	0
August 22 - 28	8	0	0	0	0
August 29 - Sept. 4	12	0	0	0	3

**Feeling Sick?** In this time of COVID-19 pandemic, it is VERY important to be careful if you are feeling sick.

- **Stay home.** Please stay home, or stay in your room if you are not feeling well.
- **Test.** Get tested for COVID-19 as a precaution, whether at a pharmacy or at DWC.
- **Facemask.** Wear a facemask! It can help slow the spread of COVID-19, but also the spread of many other viruses.



### Family Feast Fun!

[Click Here](#) for photos of the Family Feast Celebration

### Labor Day 5K

Vuong Vu put together a video that captures the 5K Walk and Run. [Click Here](#) to see how much fun it was! (Please do not share this video to any social media. It is for internal viewing only.)

## A Note from Donna Puccio

I want to thank everyone for your prayers, gifts, cards, and flowers during my illness. You have no idea how much your thoughtfulness means to me. Your acts of kindness brightened many days for me. I truly miss my DWC family!

Back in April I was suffering with back pain and hip pain. The doctors diagnosed my back pain as a fractured T12 vertebrae, but didn't know why I had hip pain. The pain was excruciating. I was hospitalized on April 24 to May 5 and again on May 19 to May 30. Following many blood tests, CAT scans and MRI, the diagnosis was a fractured hip. At this time I was also diagnosed with multiple myeloma, a cancer of the plasma cells which metastasized to the bones. This is what caused the fractured hip and T12.

Please continue to keep me in your prayers. I do hope to return to DWC soon.

*Donna Puccio*

## VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

*Fr. John Szukalski, SVD*

### Undergraduate Fall 2021 O-Term Academic Calendar

The Faculty Senate endorsed the intensive undergraduate O-Term / M-Term proposal advanced by the Chairs Council and the VP for Academic Affairs during the 2020-2021 Academic Year. The Board of Administration and Board of Trustees approved implementation of such beginning in the 2021-2022 Academic Year. Students successfully completing all eight levels of the ESL curriculum at the end of ESL Fall 2021 Term A in mid-October are now eligible to transition immediately into the undergraduate program.

Students receiving final approval from the IELI Director and the VP for Academic Affairs will be permitted to enroll in an intensive 8-week undergraduate O-Term consisting of six (6) credit hours in designated courses taught by undergraduate faculty. Three-credit courses will begin on Monday, October 11 and meet each weekday from Monday – Friday for 60 minutes each class period. Enrollment in the intensive UG Fall 2021 O-Term will allow international students on F-1 visas to maintain full-time status as required by the United States government. At this time, the undergraduate O-Term is open only to students approved for transition from the ESL program into the undergraduate program. Actual course offerings and instructors will be announced later.

#### FALL 2021 – Undergraduate O-TERM

October 11	Classes Begin
October 22	No Classes
October 24	Mission Sunday
October 25	No Classes / Faculty In-Service
November 3-5	Registration – Spring Semester
November 8	Mid-Term
November 15	Withdrawal Deadline
November 25-26	No Classes (Thanksgiving Break)
December 8	Classes End
December 9	Final Exams
December 11	Christmas Break Begins

### Sabbatical Application Requests due Monday, November 1, 2021

By way of reminder to all eligible faculty members, sabbatical leave application requests for the 2022-2023 Academic Year are due to the VP for Academic Affairs no later than Monday 1 November 2021. The policies and procedures governing faculty sabbatical leave are published in the DWC Policy Handbook 07.07.01. The application form may be found on the DWC website under [Faculty & Staff Forms > Application for Leave](#). A clear and meaningful sabbatical project proposal must accompany the application. Grant of sabbatical leave is contingent upon departmental staffing needs and is subject to approval by the VP for Academic Affairs and the College President.

- The purpose of the sabbatical leave is to provide faculty members a period of release from regular duties to pursue professional development activities such writing of a monograph or articles, developing a new course, learning about developments in one's area of teaching or research, conducting research, or other scholarly and creative activities. (DWC Policy Handbook 07.07.01).



## Faculty Professional Development



**Dr. Karolina Achirri**, Assistant Professor of ESL in the Intensive English Language Institute [IELI], has been granted professional development funding to attend and present at the annual MID-TESOL conference (virtual) from 22-23 October 2021. This year's conference theme is "Paradigm Shift in ELT Education: Forging an Educational Framework for a Post-Pandemic World."



**Dr. Yasmin Rioux**, Director for Institutional Effectiveness, has been granted professional development funding to attend the Drexel University Annual Conference on Teaching & Learning Assessment (virtual) from 8-10 September 2021. This year's conference theme is "Manageability and Sustainability: The Cornerstone of Institutional Assessment."



### September Is National Suicide Prevention Month

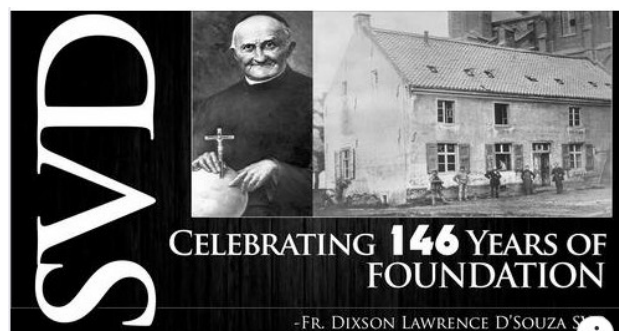
If you or someone you know needs help, free and confidential support is available 24 hours/day and 7 days/week. Resources are available at the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline ([www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org)) or by calling 1-800-273-TALK (-8255). If you are uncomfortable talking on the phone, you can also use the Crisis Text Line to reach a trained counselor by texting NAMI to 741-741.

## VICE PRESIDENT FOR FORMATION DEAN OF STUDENTS

*Fr. Long Phi Nguyen, SVD*

### SVD Foundation

Congratulations and blessings to the SVD community on the 146th anniversary of the foundation of the Society of Divine Word. Arnold Janssen officially founded the Society of the Divine Word in Steyl, Holand, on the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin, September 8, 1875. This Wednesday, **Fr. Akizou Kamina, SVD**, will be the main celebrant to celebrate a thanksgiving Mass with the community.



**New Video!** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DgPf\\_-mDWTa](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DgPf_-mDWTa)

### Thank You!

Many heartfelt thanks to the kitchen staff, members of the liturgy committee, and the Student Senate for all the hard work you did to make the SVD Family Feast Day a beautiful family celebration of food, fellowship, and love. Special thanks to the Student Senator for organizing all the activities on Labor Day. Congrats to all the 5-K runners and walkers. Well done!

## Dean's Forum

There will be no formation meetings this Wednesday, September 8th, due to the Dean's Forum starting at 7:30 P.M in the main chapel. As stated in the Student Handbook, No. 630, "twice each semester the Deans will address the student body, providing an opportunity for students to voice concerns, issues, ideas, etc., that affect student and college life." All students are required to attend. Free beverages and chicken porridge will be served in the dining room.

## Soccer Games

The Sports Department is pleased to announce that if the weather permitting there will be an exciting soccer game between the VSA and ACSA, on Wednesday, September 8, at 5:30 P.M. Please come to support your favorite team!

## Roadside Cleanup

A roadside clean-up, scheduled for this Saturday, September, from 9 am – 11 am, will be moved to October 2 at the same time. For further information, don't hesitate to get in touch with **Br. Brian McLaughlin, SVD**.

## Flu Vaccination

*A note from Br. Mike Decker, SVD*, that Divine Word College will organize Flu Vaccinations on Tuesday, September 21, in the gym, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The sign-up sheet is posted on the Student Board, and the deadline is September 16. Please remember to bring your medical insurance card when you receive Flu Vaccinations and wear a short sleeve shirt since the



## VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADMISSIONS *Mr. Len Uhal*

### Divine Word College Presidential Scholarship

Divine Word College awarded the first Presidential Scholarship in 1979. This scholarship is a recognition of and an honor for students who show promise of superior academic achievement.

The Presidential Scholarship includes an annual award of up to \$3,000 renewable each year the recipient continues to meet the established guidelines. The award may result in a further discount of tuition. A maximum of two students may receive this scholarship in a single year.

**Criteria for Selection:** Students in the Undergraduate Program at Divine Word College are eligible to apply for the Presidential Scholarship provided they meet the following criteria:

- Applicants entering from high school must have a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or above.
- College transfer applicants must have a cumulative college GPA of 3.50 or above.
- Applicants who have completed secondary school or college/university studies abroad must have an acceptable equivalent cumulative GPA.
- Students in the undergraduate program may apply at any time during their studies at Divine Word College provided they have a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 or higher.

If you believe you qualify for the DWC Presidential Scholarship, please complete the application form by September 10, 2021, which you can obtain from Ms. Carolyn Waechter, Financial Aid Coordinator. Carolyn can also answer any of your questions.

## Knights of Columbus Scholarships available for SVD Candidates

From time to time, different Knights of Columbus Councils offer \$500 scholarships to SVD candidates studying at Divine Word College. These scholarships are available to both domestic and international SVD candidates. If you want to be considered for one of these scholarships when they become available, please contact Len Uhal, Carolyn Waether or Patti McDermott in the Admissions Office for a copy of the application. All SVD candidates who complete applications now at the beginning of this academic year will be considered for KC scholarships when they become available later in the year.

## JUSTICE, PEACE AND INTEGRITY OF CREATION COUNCIL

### Roadside Cleanup

The day for Roadside Cleanup has been switched to **Saturday, October 2**. Once the day draws closer, there will be a sign-up list for all those willing to participate. Hopefully many of you will be able to help in keeping our environment clean and free of trash.



#### **Fr. Bau Nguyen, SVD.**

Fr. Bau arrived at DWC in 2008 for ESL and his BA in Philosophy. He was born in Tan Thanh, Ba Ria, Vietnam and came to DWC from Santa Ana, California. He was ordained in 2019 and now serves God's people in San Jose Obrero, Barrio el Invu, Liberia Costa Rica. Though in Costa Rica, he is still a big Philadelphia Eagles football team fan.



#### **The Anh Dinh.**

The Anh graduated from DWC in 2005 with a BA in Philosophy. He immigrated to the U.S. from Long Khanh, Vietnam. The Anh discontinued his discernment with the SVD during his novitiate year but continued to study for an Advanced degree at the University of the Pacific, Stockton, California, in School Psychology. He currently lives and works in Brier, Washington and serves as a school psychologist in the local schools.



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Preference is given to Presidential Scholarship applicants who show:

- Evident commitment to self-improvement through education.
- Evident ability to promote the values of a Christian intercultural community.
- Evident concern for the needs of the poor and marginalized.
- Evident leadership ability within Church-related activities and organizations.
- Evident ability to benefit from financial assistance.

### **Continuation Awards:**

Once a student becomes a Presidential Scholarship recipient, continuation awards of \$3,000 per year through graduation from Divine Word College are contingent upon the recipient maintaining satisfactory academic progress and remaining a student in good standing. A student falling below the minimum Divine Word College GPA will be given a grace period of one semester to bring their cumulative GPA back to the minimum, without forfeiture of the scholarship. A student placed on formation probation for disciplinary reasons may forfeit the Presidential Scholarship; depending on the decision of the Dean of Students and President.



## Divine Word College Presidential Scholarship Application

### PART I: Identification Information

Applicant's Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### PART II: Personal Statement

Attach a brief personal statement outlining your qualifications to be considered for a Presidential Scholarship at Divine Word College. You may want to respond to some of the following points.

- Commitment to self-improvement through education.
- Ability to promote the values of a Christian, intercultural community.
- Leadership ability within Church-related activities and organizations
- Ability to benefit from financial assistance.

### Part III: Submittal and Certification

Submit this completed application form to the Financial Aid Coordinator, Divine Word College.

I certify that the information provided on this application is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge; and I hereby authorize the Office of the Registrar and the Financial Aid Office to release information concerning my grades and other assistance I may be receiving to those persons authorized to consider my application and renewal for a Presidential Scholarship.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

For office use only:

High School GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous College GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

IELI GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

DWC Undergrad GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

## Knights of Columbus Scholarship Application

From time to time, different Knights of Columbus Councils around the country offer financial scholarships to SVD Candidates at Divine Word College. All SVD Candidates are eligible to apply for the scholarships and the funds go directly to the student from the KC Council and do not alter Divine Word College scholarships already in place.

To apply for a KC Scholarship, please provide the following information and you will be informed if you have been chosen to receive a KC Scholarship when the funds are available.

Student Name	
Academic Year (Standing; i.e., ESL/Freshman/etc.)	
City/State of Country of Residence	
Age	
Country of Origin	
If you were born outside of the USA, when did you arrive in the USA?	
Immigration Status (Please Circle)	U.S. Citizen    Permanent Resident of the USA  International Student    Other: _____
When did you begin your studies at Divine Word College (month and year)?	
Are you receiving any other scholarships at Divine Word College? If so, please list them.	
Why did you come to the Divine Word College?	

<p>How has Divine Word College helped you understand your vocation?</p>	
<p>Please list any leadership roles you have had at Divine Word College:</p>	
<p>What do you hope to do after graduating from Divine Word College?</p>	

(If you need additional space, please use additional sheets of paper to explain your answers).