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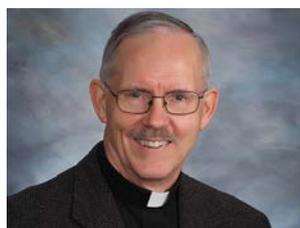
THE PRESIDENT *Fr. Tom Ascheman, SVD*

Local and Global

Sometimes what we do in our own backyard can have profound effects on the other side of the world!

Last weekend, many people from Divine Word College were busy with the annual Epworth Garage Sale. Over the past few years, we have sold extra clothing, furniture, books, etc. from the front yard of Arkfeld house on Center Avenue. Of course, the most coveted item is EGGROLLS! This past weekend was no different, we sold 1650 before we ran out! Some people helped to do the setup on Wednesday, others staffed the sale site, some prepared eggrolls and other ethnic foods, still others helped with the cleanup on Saturday. It was a smashing success.

Though the activities were all carried out here on campus, the effect will be felt on the other side of the world. The garage sale this year helped raise funds for a clinic in Likpe Agbozome, in rural Ghana. The idea is to build a simple 6-room structure; four rooms for patients, one room for a nurse, and one for the examination session. The clinic will provide immediate help before transfers to urban hospitals may be required. Our contact in Ghana, through family connections, is Fr. Vinh Phung, SVD at Holy Family Parish-New Longoro-Techiman, Ghana.



Fr. Thang Hoang SVD, our rector at DWC, headed up the effort again this year. He encouraged all of the participants to be missionaries with the people who come to our garage sale. We had many opportunities to talk with people about the clinic in Ghana

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and about SVD mission outreach in many parts of the world. Most importantly, the folks who stopped by got a chance to meet our community, greeting people from all over the world.

Last night, Monday evening, we spent a holy hour of prayer and adoration, as we do most weeks. This was a special service however. It was prepared by students from Myanmar (Burma), or from families of Burmese heritage. The political situation there is more and more dangerous as people protest the recent coup (<https://www.nytimes.com/article/myanmar-news-protests-coup.html>). The violence there is having an effect on us here in Epworth – raising worries and deep concern for family members caught up in the violence. One thing we can do here is show our prayerful solidarity with our own Myanmar students and with the people of Myanmar.

There is another event scheduled for this evening, Tuesday. Every year the College participates in the Dubuque International Day of Peace Festival. The keynote speaker is Ms. Olga Marina Segura who will be speaking at Loras College at 7 pm on the theme: Faith Communities and Liberation. If you cannot attend in person, it will also be streamed through the internet. The link is available in another article. She plans to talk about how our Church can help provide us with the tools and resources to help build up a more just world. Among the many events during the festival, an Ecumenical Peace Vesper service will be held at DWC on Sunday evening September 26. In prayer and in actions we reach out to build a more just and peaceable world. Join us in prayer as we stream our gathering next Sunday.

At Divine Word College, we try to be good citizens of Epworth, and good citizens of the world.

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 |
| Sept. 5 - 11 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sept. 12 - 18 | 27 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |

Facemasks and Vaccine

Last week, two more members of our DWC community got their second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. Our on-campus community is 100% vaccinated! Great news.

Meanwhile, in the city of Dubuque and in the county, the number of cases continues to increase rather rapidly. Now is a time to be especially careful to wear facemasks when we go



off-campus to public places. Not many are wearing facemasks at the moment, but we can certainly try to give a good example.

About two weeks ago my sister and her family got sick from COVID-19 infections. They were not vaccinated. Happily, all of them seem to have recovered. I am reminded of a statement by an infectious disease specialist during an interview last week. He said, given the increased contagion of the delta variant of COVID-19, people can either get vaccinated or get the disease! I think that a day spent recovering from the inoculation is far preferable to ten days in isolation struggling to breathe and wondering about whom I may have infected.

VICE PRESIDENT FOR FORMATION DEAN OF STUDENTS

Fr. Long Phi Nguyen, SVD

Garage Sale for Mission

Many heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all the students, staff/faculty and SVD members who contributed things, prepared food, spent time, and worked hard at our recent Garage Sale in support of a local clinic project in Likpe Agbozome, Ghana. Special thanks to Fr. Rector Thang Hoang for your leadership and dedication. This is truly a missionary project that we work locally for global purpose. God bless you.



Vocation Mass

The Roman formation will organize a formation mass on Wednesday, September 29, at 8:00 am in the main chapel. Peterson Forestal will share his vocation story. Please come to support and pray for an increase of vocation in religious life, especially for Fr. Long Phi Nguyen, SVD and members of the Romans as they continue to discern God's call.

Liturgy Prep

Thursday, September 23, Liturgy Prep will be suspended until next Thursday, September 30 at its usual time -- 1:00 pm in the main chapel. Enjoy a short nap!

Cross Planting

Saturday, September 25, you are invited to participate in planting small white crosses in front of our college, coordinated by Sue Lukasik, Tony Grebner and friends. Please sign up on the sheet posted on the Student Board. For any further questions, please contact Fr. Stephen Kha Nguyen, SVD.

Mini Olympics

Due to the Weather and other difficulties, the Mini Olympics has been cancelled. However, the usual soccer tournament will begin next week. Check on the notice board for more information.

Holy Hour for Myanmar

A thank you note from Nay Kaw Sho: "On behalf of the Burmese associates, Fr. Polycarp Thawng, Do Tuang, and I, would like to express our gratitude to all of you for joining us in the Holy Hour. We are grateful for your presence as we pray for Myanmar and in solidarity with those in the same situation. Special thanks to those who sacrificed their time to make this Holy Hour possible. Let's continue to pray for one another and remember those in most need of our prayers. Thank you all and have a goodnight. May the Heart of Jesus live in the hearts of all."



VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADMISSIONS

Mr. Len Uhal

Msgr. Richard J. Schuler Seminarian Fund

Catholic United Financial Foundation established the Msgr. Richard J. Schuler Seminarian Charitable Fund in 1996 to honor his 30 years as the Spiritual Director of Catholic United Financial and to commemorate his years of priestly service. Grants are awarded annually to seminarians who are studying for the priesthood in the following Dioceses and Archdioceses: St. Paul/Minneapolis, Bismarck, Crookston, Dubuque, Duluth, Fargo, La Crosse, New Ulm, Rapid City, Saint Cloud, Sioux Falls, Sioux City, Superior, and Winona. We have verified that seminarians studying at Divine Word College are eligible. The application is available by [clicking here](#). The deadline for applications is October 31, 2021.

VICE PRESIDENT FOR OPERATIONS

Mr. Steve Winger

New Windows

Dubuque Glass Company will be here today and tomorrow repairing and replacing windows. They will need time today and tomorrow to repair glass in Room 143, the Conference Room. You will not be able to eat lunch or hold meetings in Room 143 today or tomorrow, September 21 & 22.

Thanks for your understanding and patience.

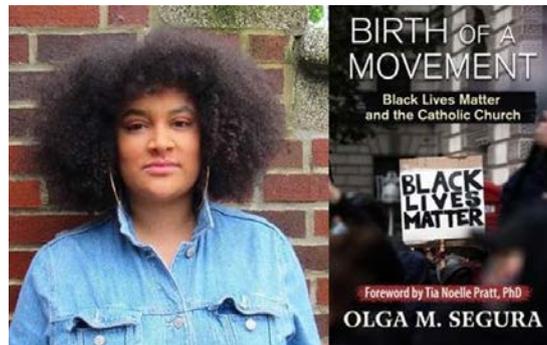
Presidential Forum to Host Medicare Speaker

On Tuesday, September 28, Divine Word College will host a guest speaker during the Presidential Forum. A representative from The Friedman Group will be here to discuss Medicare and answer any questions you may have about the national health insurance program. Even if you are not currently eligible for Medicare, you may find this information helpful, particularly if you have a parent or relative trying to navigate the various plans and options. The Presidential Forum is scheduled for 12:45 in the Chapel.

JUSTICE, PEACE AND INTEGRITY OF CREATION COUNCIL

International Day of Peace

Olga Segura will be speaking on “Faith Communities and Liberation” on Tuesday, September 21 from 7:00 to 8:30 at the Alumni Campus Center at Loras College. This event will be both in-person and virtual. To attend virtually, please go to <https://www.facebook.com/dbqdayofpeace>



Hike to Help Refugees

This event will be on Friday, September 24 from 4:00-5:00 p.m. It begins at Loras College and ends at Clarke University. All donations will help worldwide refugee populations in need. To register, please go to <http://www.iowauna.org/>.

Cross Planting

DWC students are invited to join some representatives of the Dubuque County Right to Life, Jeanita & Tony and their families along with some students from Beckman and Seton schools for the Cross Planting Ministry. This event takes place at 9:30 AM on Saturday, Sept. 25, 2021. It will take no more than 30 minutes, as we expect many of our DWC students to come and join the group.

Matthew Jacoby SVD Library

Mr. Daniel Williams, Library Director

Speaking Of Tongues ...

With thanks to Fr. John Szukalski and Dr. Seo Hyun Park, the library can now offer access to the Linguistics Collection from ProQuest.

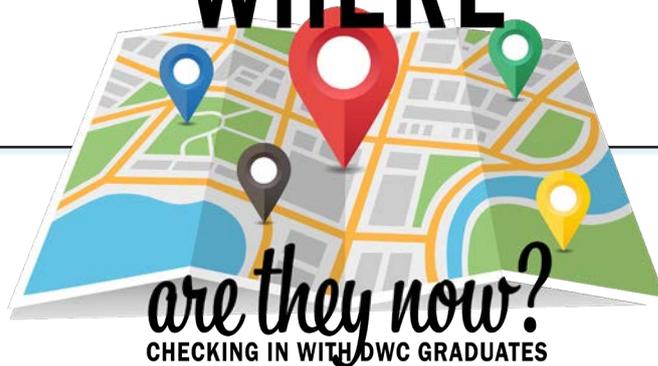
The ProQuest databases included are “Linguistics and Language Behavior Abstracts (LLBA)” and “Linguistics Database”. The “Linguistics Database” includes many full-text articles that are indexed in LLBA. This collection will be especially useful for those doing research in language learning and acquisition.

Almost 270 journals from 1973 onward are indexed in these databases. You can download a list of the journals indexed in an Excel spreadsheet from the Linguistics Collection web page. You are able to limit to full-text or peer-reviewed from the initial search bar. You can also click on the “Search tips” link for information on searching, operators, special characters, etc.

The ProQuest Linguistics Collection is available from a link on the library’s eCatalog page. If used on campus, no username or password is required. However, if used off-campus, a username and password will be required just as for access to our EBSCOhost databases. Drop by the library or call to get the username and password for off-campus access.

So, if you should like to relax this evening with a little light reading on a synchronic and diachronic study of the Proto-Kiowa-Tanoan language, you have found the right place! (They also cover the English language quite well.)

WHERE



Fr. Huy Tran SVD

Fr. Huy Tran, came to the US in late December 2004. After first completing some computer studies at another institution, Huy came to DWC for ESL and Cross-Cultural Studies. He earned a BA and graduated as valedictorian in 2009.

Huy was ordained a priest in 2017 and serves God's people in Moundou, Chad, Africa. He is also a consuler to the local SVD superior. He recently has been building a new school for the parish.



Fr. Gueric (aka Ariel) Llanes, OCSO

Fr. Gueric (aka Ariel) Llanes, OCSO, was born in Brunai and with his family emmigrated to Canada where he completed this final two years of high school. He can speak Arabic, French, English, and Tagalog. In 2003 he graduated from DWC as valedictorian with a BA in Philosophy. He entered the SVD novitiate, and was in vows with the SVD for three years before discerning his call to monastic life. He is now a Trappist monk at the Abbey of New Clairvaux in Vina, CA where he serves as vocation director and the Abbey Prior.



September 26, 2021 - 7 PM Ecumenical Peace Vespers in the Main Chapel

October 1-2, 2021 - **Divine Word College Board of Trustees Meeting**

October 17, 2021 - **Diaconate Ordination:** Frt. Carl Gales, SVD & Frt. Derek Nguyen, SVD

October 24, 2021 - **Mission Sunday**