

# THE LOG

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### Birthday Corner

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### THE PRESIDENT *Fr. Tom Ascherman, SVD*

#### *Our Lady of Africa Parish*

Since early July, seven Divine Word Missionaries have been working to gather together Black Catholics from Chicago's South Side into a newly created parish dedicated to Our Lady of Africa. The new parish continues the legacy of five Black Catholic communities: Corpus Christi, Holy Angels, St. Ambrose, St. Anselm and St. Elizabeth.



For more than a century, SVD's have been working in African American ministry in the south side neighborhoods of Bronzeville, Washington Park, and Kenwood. In the early 1890's, Venerable Fr. Augustus Tolton, the first publicly recognized Black priest in the USA, began ministry with African Americans in the Bronzeville neighborhood. In 1915, twenty years after Tolton's death, SVDs were asked to continue the work Tolton started.

**DWC has a strong connection to Our Lady of Africa Parish.** Fr. Bob Kelly SVD, originally from the Chicago south side, is the new pastor; he served at DWC for eight years as a vocations director, formator, and Rector of the Epworth community. Fr. Francis Rayappan SVD, from Tamil Nadu in India, is the associate pastor; he was at Epworth until recently as a vocations director. Br. Alu Oa Aisi SVD came to DWC from his native Papua New Guinea to study English and to get acquainted with US culture; now he lives at Our Lady of Africa and continues work in jail and HIV ministry. Seminarian Andrew Wang, SVD is doing his cross-cultural training program



at the parish. He is involved in everything from A to Z; advent retreats to youth ministry! From nearby Divine Word Theologate,



Fr. Bob Kelly, SVD



Fr. Francis Rayappan, SVD



Bro. Alu Oa Aisi SVD

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there are some former students from DWC who finished their studies here not long ago; Deacon Carl Gales SVD, and seminarians Manie Manuel SVD and Zach Smith SVD are regular and enthusiastic helpers at the parish. The extended SVD community involved in the parish really do give witness to the parish motto: WE ARE ONE.



Frt. Andrew Wang, SVD



Deacon Carl Gales SVD



Frt. Manie Manuel, SVD



Frt. Zach Smith, SVD



**To celebrate Black History Month**, Fr. Bob asks us, along with the new parish, to pray for blessings upon all African peoples through the intercession of Our Lady of Africa.

**Our Lady of Africa,**  
mother of the human family,  
Be mindful of your African children,  
at home or dispersed on other continents.

**You who are full of grace,**  
look upon all those who do not know Jesus,  
the Son sent by the Father.  
May his light draw them and make them  
receptive to the gift of Faith.

**You, who are one with Christ**  
In suffering and in glory,  
Be mindful of those assailed by trials,  
That they may discover  
His liberating Passover, and live by it in hope.

**You who turned to Jesus**  
When the wine of joy ran out  
Be mindful of peoples in distress,  
That justice and peace may prevail  
In a united world where Charity reigns.

**You who, in the midst of the Apostles,**  
Received the breath of the Spirit  
Be mindful of the apostles of today.  
May they announce the Word with assurance  
And proclaim it by their lives.  
May young people hear the call of Christ  
And follow him with joy.

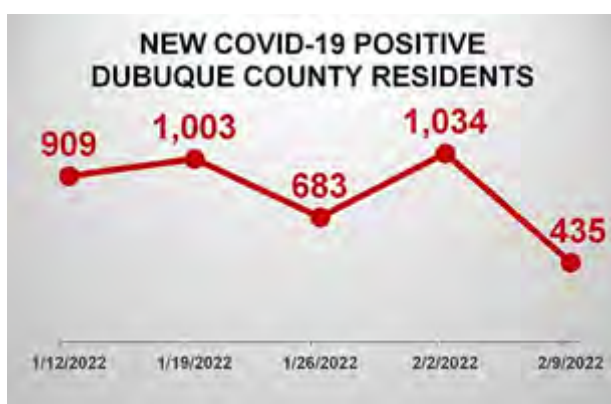
**Our Lady of Africa, Queen of the universe,**  
Be mindful of humanity on the way.  
May Christ your Son, gather all peoples  
In the unity of his Spirit  
To the glory of the Father  
For ages to come.

Amen.



## DWC COVID-19 Dashboard

	Number of Tests	Tested Positive	Number Self-Isolated	Number Recovered	Vaccination Completed	Booster
2020-2021	913	50	50	50	129	0
August 1- Dec. 31	506	1	2	2	6	116
Jan. 1 - 31	273	37	37	35	0	6
Feb. 1 - 5	34	2	3	1	0	0
Feb. 6 - 12	16	1	2	2	0	7



**Big drop in COVID-19 cases.** On February 9, the Dubuque County Public Health Team reported a big drop in the number of new COVID-19 infections. Hospitalizations are also in steady decline.

**At DWC, as of today, Feb 15, all students, and SVDs are free of infection.** However, two off-campus employees have tested positive recently and are at home in isolation. Both are feeling well and hope to return to the college in the next several days.

**Masks work!** We continue to wear masks on-campus and we continue random testing for COVID-10. A side benefit is that we have had very few cases of flu or colds again this winter. That is some solid evidence that masks do help prevent the spread of viral illness.

## Synod on Synodality

Archbishop Michael Jackels of Dubuque was at Divine Word College on Tuesday February 8 to address the Faculty, Staff and SVD Community on the topic of Synodality. He extended to all of us an invitation to participate in a consultation leading up to the meeting of the Synod of Bishops in October 2023. All over the world, Catholics, other Christians, and other friends are invited to share their ideas about how we Catholics can be a better Church.

In the Archdiocese of Dubuque, the consultation is focused on what makes for a *vital Christian community*. Archbishop Jackels urged us to consider three essential aspects of every Christian community:

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Archbishop Michael Jackels

- Care for the poor
- Worship of God together
- Learning and sharing the Word of God

If you would like to complete the Archdiocesan survey, please follow one of the secure web links below.

- For SVDs: <https://dbqarch.org/survey-religious>
- For other College employees: <https://dbqarch.org/survey>

**Students at Divine Word College** will be invited to share their ideas for the Synod consultation in their formation groups. They will be challenged to offer three ideas they might want to share with Pope Francis about the future of the Church and our Journey to the Kingdom. Their ideas will be gathered together and sent to the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities to be combined with the contributions of other college and university students around the country.



## Board of Administration

At the meeting of the Board of Administration on February 11, the following items were discussed:

1. Suppression of the Academic and Formation Advisory Council to be substituted by regular communication between Formation and Academic programs.
2. Formal approval for the Academic Calendar for 2023-2024.
3. Review of fraud prevention steps, including training for improved cyber security.
4. Clarification for some points in the policy regarding access to and disclosure of employment records (Handbook #6.09).
5. Use of DWC facilities by World Wide Marriage Encounter group at the end of April 2022.



## Faculty Signature Assignment Evaluation dates:

Round 3 of Faculty Signature Assignment Evaluations is this week!

The dates are as follows:

Round 3: February 14 to February 20

Please let Yasmin Rioux know if you have any questions!





## **VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

*Fr. John Szukalski, SVD*

### **Faculty In-Service: Intercultural Development Inventory (Idi)**

Friday, February 18, 2022 @ 9:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. in ROOM 107

As previously announced, the Spring 2022 Faculty In-Service will take place on Friday 18 February from 9:00 until 11:30 a.m. in room 107, and is designed to explore one of DWC's Five Core Competencies—Intercultural Competence. This event will assess faculty and formators' intercultural competence utilizing the Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI). IDI is the premier intercultural competence assessment tool utilized by thousands of individuals, businesses, and educational institutions across the globe. Developed by Dr. Mitchell Hammer, IDI is a cross-culturally valid and scientifically reliable assessment tool that provides valuable data regarding cultural difference along a continuum of mindsets and behaviors ranging from monocultural to intercultural. Insights gained from the IDI will provide opportunities for creating a more culturally responsive teaching and learning environment and a more inclusive college workplace. Check out the short video overview at <https://idiinventory.com/video/an-introduction-to-the-intercultural-development-inventory-3-28-minutes/?id=357>

Dr. Sam Cunningham SVD and Fr. Long Phi Nguyen SVD, as trained IDI administrators and interpreters, will facilitate the Faculty In-Service event. Topics covered include: an exploration of the IDI tool; an anonymized group profile report, and; potential implications for our work as DWC faculty and formators. In the weeks following the Faculty In-Service event, Dr. Sam Cunningham SVD and Bro. Moises Gutierrez OFM will be available for confidential individual profile report interpretation. Your individual profile remains confidential and will be accessed only by Dr. Sam or Bro. Moises for interpretation upon your request.

Note that all full-time faculty and formators are required to attend the Faculty In-Service. Please notify me by email if you are unable to attend (DWC Policy Handbook 7.02.09)

### **Faculty Professional Development: Annual Data Collection For Calendar Year 2021**

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) This institutional commitment is compliant with professional accreditation standards of the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) and the Commission on English Language Program Accreditation (CEA).

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 2021 (January 1 – December 31). Please email your report to the Registrar, Ms. Kimberly Burnett-Hackbarth, no later than noon on Friday, February 18, 2022. Thanks in advance for your collaboration.

## Faculty Professional Development

**Dr. Jason Reed**, Assistant Professor of Philosophy in the Department of Theology & Philosophy [DTP], will present a philosophical lecture on skepticism and agnosticism entitled “Where It All Went Wrong” on Saturday, February 19, 2022 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Modesto, CA.

**Dr. Yasmin Rioux**, Assistant Professor of Communication, has been granted professional development funding to attend and serve as a roundtable leader at the annual Conference on College Composition and Communication (virtual) on March 9-12, 2022. This year’s theme is “Pedagogies of Responsibility: Teaching Environmental Justice in Writing and Rhetoric.”

**Dr. Joshua Young**, Assistant Professor of Communication & English in the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies [DIS], has been granted professional development funding to attend and present at the Central States Communication Association Annual Conference in Madison, WI on March 30 – April 3, 2022. Dr. Young will be one of the presenters at a conference session entitled Assessment Disrupted: Roundtable to Reconnect on Assessment.



## VICE PRESIDENT FOR FORMATION DEAN OF STUDENTS

*Fr. Long Phi Nguyen, SVD*

## Thank You

Congrats to all fans of the Rams! It was indeed a wonderful community event. Many thanks to the kitchen staff for a delicious dinner with crispy fried chicken and pizzas, particularly to the Student Senate for organizing the NFL Super Bowl LVI event. Thank you!

## Dean's Forum

Just a friendly reminder that Dean's Forum will take place on Thursday, February 15, at 1:00 pm in the main chapel. All students are required to attend.

## Vocation Mass

The Colossian formation group will organize Mass in praying for an increase of vocation in religious life, next Wednesday, February 23 at 8:00 am. Please come to join in prayer for Fr. Akizou Kamina, SVD, and members of his formation group.

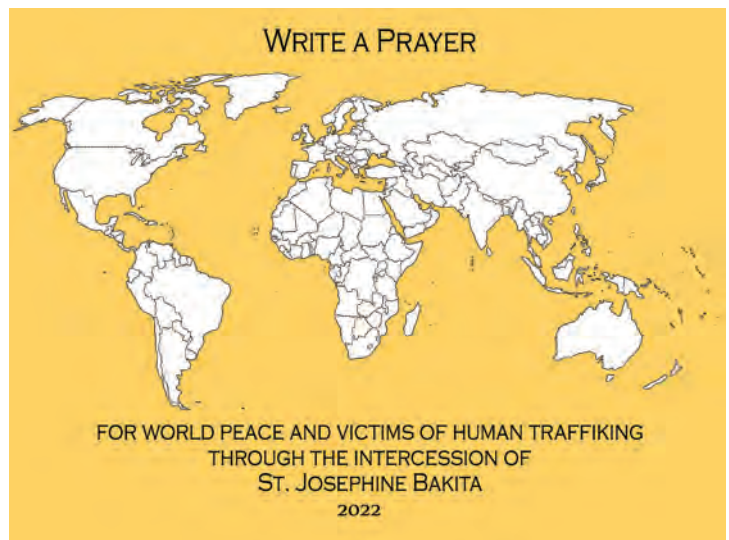
## Provincial Assembly and Chapter

At least once every three years, the Provincial Chapter is to be held in Chicago “to examine and promote the religious-missionary life and work of the conferes [members] in the province, or to issue new resolutions and establish guidelines and priorities for the provincial administration...” (Cont.628). There will be a few SVD members from DWC attending this assembly and chapter, beginning from Monday, February 21, until Thursday, February 24. Please keep all the delegates in your prayers.

### Share your Prayer - Sr. Hila Alonyo

As we draw closer to the Bakhita celebration, ACSA invites you to be part of an activity that involves praying for the world in writing.

**The activity:** a world map with no country names on it will be displayed in the dining room from February 21-26. Anytime you walk in there, please feel inspired to write a prayer or an inspirational word on any space you feel called to write on. The word or prayer you write is your prayer for world peace and victims of human trafficking throughout the world, through the intercession of St. Josephine Bakhita. Later, on February 26th, the day of the solemn celebration, the prayers will be presented at mass as an offering during the offertory time.



## Tips for Managing Your Priorities

Last week I shared about Time Management. Today, I would like to share about the tips for learning how to manage your priorities. I hope these fit to your reality in the Divine Word College. **You will find the full list as an addendum to this issue of The LOG.**

In addition, I also put some booklets on the Counseling board about Well Student, Study Skills and Time Management. Feel free to take those booklets for your benefit. I am also available if you need some help or input regarding your studies and/or something else. Contact me at [auntarto@dwci.edu](mailto:auntarto@dwci.edu) | ext. 377 | Room 220.

*“You don’t have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great.” – Zig Ziglar*



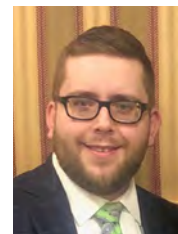


## VICE PRESIDENT FOR OPERATIONS

*Mr. Steve Winger*

### Welcome to DWC!

I am excited to announce that **Jeffrey Puccio** accepted the position of Business Office Receptionist. Jeffrey comes to us from Dubuque Bank and Trust, where he served as a personal banker over the last three years. Jeffrey's first day of work will be Tuesday, February 22. When you see Jeffrey, please say hello and give him a warm welcome to Divine Word College.



## JUSTICE, PEACE AND INTEGRITY OF CREATION COUNCIL

### Join the Discussion

On **Wednesday, February 16** at 12 noon, please join the JPIC Council in a conversation about the escalating tension between Ukraine and Russia. We will watch a video on the current situation and then talk about it afterwards. Food will be provided OR you can feel free to pick up a lunch in the dining room and bring it down to the Pour House. Hope to see you in the Pour House at 12 noon.



<https://www.economist.com>



worldwide  
**marriage  
encounter**

### Weekend program at DWC April 23 - 24

You are invited to participate in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend at DWC this spring. The non-residential weekend is open to any faculty or staff and their spouse at no charge.

Students and SVD are also welcome to participate as a way to enrich your current or future ministry.

For more information or to register, visit [www.iowa-wwme.org](http://www.iowa-wwme.org) or contact Jeff and Janet Francois at 563-608-3305.





### **Dr. Ezgar Del Real, MD**

Dr. Ezgar Del Real, MD was in the Brotherhood program at DWC from 1998 to 2000. He earned an associate's degree in cross-cultural studies before spending a year at Nanzan University in Japan, where he was immersed in language learning. A few months later, he discerned out of the program and enlisted with the U.S. Navy. He was attached to the 1st Marine Division and deployed to the Middle East as a Navy medic. After returning to the United States, he finished his time with the Navy. In 2006, Dr. Ezgar decided to pursue medicine professionally. In 2011, he graduated with his doctorate from American Global

University School of Medicine based in Belize. Eager to make a difference with his medical skills, Dr. Ezgar embarked on mission trips to Haiti, Calcutta and Tanzania. In recent years, he's worked as a consultant and continued traveling the world. He's currently applying for postulency as a deacon candidate with Crosier, a congregation of priests and brothers who live together according to the Rule of St. Augustine.

### **Rick Riddle**

Rick studied at DWC from 1960 to 1964 and went on to graduate from Illinois State University in 1969. He briefly taught eighth grade before getting his military draft notice in 1970. Instead of going to the Army, and possibly Vietnam, he chose to enlist in the U.S. Air Force. He was assigned to an air base just outside London, England where he worked in an Air Force hospital. During those 4 years, he met his wife, Joyce. After leaving the Air Force, Rick taught in a British secondary school for one year and then moved back to the United States. He spent 33 years working in corrections. Rick said he aimed to bring some humanity and educational opportunities to an otherwise often forgotten part of society. Every few years, Rick and his family return to England to visit Joyce's family and travel throughout Europe. Two years ago, Rick and Jack Schwab visited their classmate, Fr. Fred Timp in Ghana. Fr. Fred served there for 35 years and is now retired.





<b>February 18</b>	Faculty In-Service / No Classes (ESL and UG)
<b>February 21-24</b>	SVD Chicago Province Assembly & Chapter @ Techny IL
<b>March 7-11</b>	Spring Break / No Classes (ESL and UG)
<b>April 2-5</b>	Higher Learning Commission (HLC) 2022 Annual Conference Chicago IL
<b>April 11-13</b>	Commission on English Language Program Accreditation (CEA) DWC On-Site Campus Visit
<b>April 27</b>	Employee Retirement Party @ Barn House, Epworth IA
<b>April 28</b>	Recognition & Awards Luncheon
<b>May 13</b>	DWC Commencement

## Tips for learning how to manage your priorities (adapted):

### 1. Studying

- Are you aware of the 1-credit class = 2-hour study rule?
  - For every credit you take you will likely need to study two hours a week. Again, **be aware of the language** we are using to study.
  - For a full-time student taking **12 credits per semester**, you will study close to **24 hours a week**. How do you do that on top of other requirements as a DWC student?
- What is your best time to study? **Try to study at the same time every day.**
- You have to **start with the most difficult task**
- Find your rhythm... pace yourself. **Do not push yourself to study long hours.** Take a **five-minute break** after some time to stretch and let the information "sink in".
- Study in an area conducive to learning, such as the library.
- Have **regular times for your meals**. Be fed and rested enough. **Drink water and watch your caffeine intake.**
- **Try different techniques to increase retention.** Stand up, walk, pace, talk out loud, sit near a window for natural light, work with a study partner.

### 2. Tending to personal **Prayer & Meditation**

- When do you pray? How much time do you usually allow for prayer? Schedule a realistic time for prayer and meditation. You will not be able to pray and meditate in peace if you still have papers to write; quizzes and classes to prepare
- How do you pray and/or meditate?
- Do you prepare your meditation by reading the next day's Gospel? Do you use a Prayer Book in your mother tongue?
- How about the examination of conscience?

### 3. Can you say "**NO!**"?

- Being able to say no is a **learned skill**. And it takes practice.
- If you are asked to do something that will affect your studies: check to see if it's something you really want to do and can do.

### 4. **Reward** Yourself!

- Rewarding yourself with something meaningful that makes you feel good for completing a task is an important part of being a student. Psychologically we need some sort of recognition of a job well done.

### 5. **Planning** your time.

- Make **a list of things to do today and keep it reasonable.**
- Make use of **the calendar on your phone** to keep track of your schedule.
- A perfect tool for the student is a monthly calendar that allows you to record all required work for the semester, day by day. At a glance you can see what is due and what is coming up. It helps to work backwards when planning your time.
- Use color highlighter to **emphasize important assignments.**
- Make sure you give yourself **free time for fun and relaxation.**
- **Know when to ask for help.**

Source: <https://uii.edu/wp-content/uploads/Time-Management-Worksheet.pdf>