

# President's Annual Report

## *Mission Starts with* **“HELLO”**

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these three; but the greatest of  
these is love”*

(1 Cor. 13:13)



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When I was a child, my mom always insisted, “You have to go to church on Sunday!” Later, when I belonged to a certain “tribe” of rule-obsessed, middle-school Catholic kids, I heard that Mass only “counted” if I showed up for the Gospel reading, and stayed long enough for Communion. Clear boundaries sometimes did help to get me through adolescence and on the way to adulthood. But adult Christians need new guidelines.

Remember, Saint Paul wrote to the Corinthians: “When I was a child, I used to talk as a child, think as a child, reason as a child; when I became a man, I put aside childish things.” Paul then offered a beautiful summary of the fundamental purpose of life, “So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love” (1 Cor 13:11,13). Jesus gives us a mission, love is that mission.

Divine Word College teaches students that our missionary “obligation” is to reach out to others, especially to faith-seekers, to the poor, to people of other cultures, and to people of other faith traditions. Each of the mission stories in this issue began with a “hello.” Your prayers, friendship and support for Divine Word College is greatly appreciated. But, there is one more thing you could do.

If you want your presence at Sunday Mass to really count, be sure to say **“hello”** to someone you do not know.

