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A Narrow Gate for Missionaries

Jesus said we should strive to enter the Kingdom of God through the narrow gate.

Sr. Melannie Svoboda SND, a spiritual writer from Ohio, commented on the passage giving some tips for getting through a “narrow gate.”

First, she noted that we don’t need to carry a lot of baggage with us. We have to let go; of stuff, of excessive desire, of fears, resentments and hurts. Second, we may have to “scrunch down” to get through the gate. Humbly bowing our heads or crawling on our knees might be required to enter the kingdom. Third, everyone has to pass through one at a time.

Nobody can take our place, we have to make a personal effort. So Sr. Melannie’s advice is: leave the baggage behind; bow your head; and go through one at a time! That is great advice for missionaries as they reach out to others to form new friendships.



At DWC, we learn to **leave behind some of our baggage** and our preconceptions as we reach out to one another in friendship. We may need to abandon a desire for too much security, an urge to speak our native language, or an exaggerated need to understand everything. Other times we just have to give things away: our stuff, our time, our welcome to newcomers. I like our “free table” in the dining room because it reminds me to be generous in giving things away.



As missionaries, we also learn to reach out to others by **humbly bowing our heads**. We may have come to DWC from positions of influence or authority; some may have religious or educational titles: Fr., Br., Sr., Dr., Professor, or Teacher! Whatever our earlier

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successes or responsibilities, we now need to “bow our heads” to learn a new language and culture. Like little children, we are obliged to accept correction and ask for help. Good missionaries forgive misunderstandings, forget slights, and overlook being left out. And like little children we also know how to say “I’m sorry.”, Then we may be able to make it through the narrow gate.

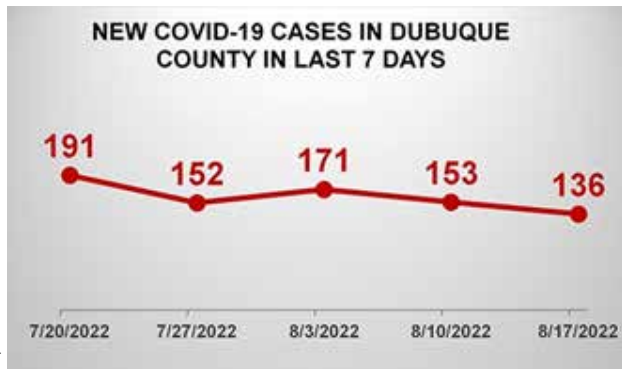
Missionaries do proclaim Jesus’ message about the narrow gate; that’s good, but we must also **get in line to squeeze through** the gate. A prayer group, a congregation, a spiritual director or a favorite teacher can encourage us, but we need to take our lives in our own hands and make the journey ourselves. An old slogan comes to mind; to talk the talk, you must first walk the walk!

The narrow gate leads to new life. When we are born into life, we arrive naked, bloody, and bawling for breath. But we do not come under our own power. Our mothers push, a midwife gently pulls. As we are born again to the Kingdom, The Spirit pushes and Jesus pulls us through.

COVID-19 Guidance

Covid-19 remains a concern for DWC in this new semester. On Thursday, August 18, the CDC switched Dubuque County’s Community Level from medium back to high due to an increase in new COVID-19 admissions to local hospitals. We look forward to new boosters that will give improved protection for the latest variant of the virus.

Quick antigen testing in the first days of the semester revealed 5 cases among the approximately 180 members of the DWC community. Two of the cases concerned people who live off-campus. All completed an appropriate time of isolation. There was no evidence of community spread which has allowed us to make the use of face masks optional for now. We will begin random testing for the virus in the coming weeks.



To help keep everyone safe and free from illness:

- **Wear a facemask** if you have some doubt about whether you are coming down with something. If you have a fever, you are likely contagious.
- If you feel sick, **stay home or stay in your room** until you feel better.
- **Get tested** to determine if you have a COVID-19 infection.
- **Stay up to date on your vaccinations.** It helps to keep all of us healthy.
- **If you are not vaccinated,** please take a COVID-19 test every week.



Sustainable assessment program

One of the most important aspects of an effective institutional assessment program is its ability to be sustainable and manageable by all affected and involved stakeholders.

Over the past years, since the Spring 2021 Project, we have been able to gather data for ALL PLOs by completing or working on the following assessment projects:

- Spring 2021
- Fall 2021
- Spring 2022 (in progress: evaluations coming up)
- Fall 2022 (in progress)

Based on meetings with the members of the Academic Assessment Committee, the VPAA, and our HLC Assessment Academy scholar, Rosemary Niedens, we have concluded that while we were very successful with our assessment approaches over these past 1.5 years, our current approach is simply not sustainable.

It is therefore our task to reexamine the current assessment plan and create one that spans five years instead of one year. This will allow us to assess approximately two PLOs per semester instead of the eight to ten we currently assess!

Expanding our approach to five years will lessen the workload for our faculty evaluators, create more time for data analysis, and eventually lead to a more sustainable and manageable assessment plan.

It is the Academic Assessment Committee's primary task this year (AY 2022/'23) to continue drafting alternative plans that span five years, so we can implement this new schedule in the fall of 2023.

If you have any suggestions or ideas, please feel free to contact me!

Stay tuned!



VICE PRESIDENT FOR FORMATION DEAN OF STUDENTS

Fr. Long Phi Nguyen, SVD

Ministry Practicum Orientation

The Ministry orientation is scheduled for this Thursday, August 25 at 1 PM in the Main Chapel. All those enrolled in the ministry program are required to attend.

Ministry Commission is on Sunday, August 28 at the 10 AM Mass. With the commissioning, the ministry will begin on Monday.

Vocation Mass

The Pre-Novitiate group will organize the first vocation Mass for the school year on Wednesday, August 31 at 8 AM in the main Chapel. Please come to join Fr. Sonny De Class and his group to pray for vocations.

The Counseling Center offers help and support to all students, faculty and staff of Divine Word College to address any concerns in life and to provide self-help tools. Common concerns include social adjustment, relationship, self-esteem, anxiety, depression, sleeping difficulties, stress, and loneliness.

The services include individual counseling, mental health counseling, substance use assessment, vocational assessment, referral for psychological testing and disability testing, presentation to Formation Groups and consultation with faculty and staff. For some specific cases, such as trauma/PTSD, we offer Eye Movement, Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) Therapy.

The Counseling Center also offers an interactive 8-hour Mental Health First Aid Training. This course teaches individuals how to *identify, understand and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges.* (National Counsel for Mental Wellbeing)

Please come to our office for more information, questions and/or concern about your wellbeing.

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Mon-Wed-Fri: 11 AM to 4:30 PM

Tues. - Thurs. 9 AM to 4:30 PM



by
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VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADMISSIONS

Mr. Len Uhal

Welcome Students

While being excited to see all our returning students back at on campus, we warmly welcome our new students to our Divine Word College community. We have 20 new students this semester:

SVD Candidates

Steve Telisma	Haiti
Chinh Cong Pham	Vietnam (via Canada)
Uriel Briones	Ottawa, IL

Diocesan Seminarian

Thi Van Nguyen	Vietnam
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Divine Word Missionaries

Fr. Duc Hong Le, SVD	Vietnam
Fr. Lusius Mite, SVD	Indonesia
Fr. Xuekai Shi, SVD	China

Religious Sisters

Sr. Leah Waruguru Kinyua, SE	Kenya
Sr. Monica Wanjiru Kabiru, SE	Kenya
Sr. Phuong Xuan Thi Ngo, LHC	Vietnam

Religious Priests

Fr. Onac Axenat, SPSJ	Haiti
Fr. Milot Frederique, SMM	Haiti
Fr. Mikely Jn Simon, CSC	Haiti

Diocesan Priests

Fr. Georges Mukangu Midiangu	D. R. of Congo
Fr. Samson Amoussou	Benin
Fr. Alex Jean	Haiti
Fr. Klemens Raimundus Neno Nage	Indonesia
Fr. Fanuel Jean	Haiti
Fr. Xiaoqiang Jia	China

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All New Students

All new students need to visit the Admissions Office to see both Ms. Carolyn Waechter and Ms. Patti McDermott. Carolyn will assist **all new international students** with visa information. She needs to make sure all your immigration documents are in order and make copies for our records. Patti will work with all new students to make sure we have original copies of your educational documents and baptismal and confirmation certificates (for SVD candidates). **ALL NEW STUDENTS, PLEASE VISIT THE ADMISSIONS OFFICE BEFORE THE END OF AUGUST!**

Returning Domestic Students

All returning students who are U.S. citizens or Lawful Permanent Residents in the USA (green card holders), please visit the Admissions Office to meet with Ms. Carolyn Waechter. She will assist you with updating your financial aid information. **Please visit the office this week!**

Divine Word College Presidential Scholarship

Divine Word College first awarded the 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 9, 2022, which you can obtain from Ms. Carolyn Waechter, the Financial Aid Coordinator. Carolyn can also answer any of your questions.

The Word Among US

Returning students will recall that for the last several years an anonymous donor has made it possible for all students in seminaries in the USA to receive a free copy of The Word Among Us. For new students, this is a monthly publication that contains the daily liturgical readings with short reflections and a few other articles. Last week the Vocation Office put a copy of these booklets in every student mailbox for the month of September. There are a few extra copies in the vocation office and we placed some issues in Spanish in the Queen of the America's Chapel on the lower level. Please remember to pray for the generous benefactor that makes this resource possible for people in formation all around the country.



VICE PRESIDENT FOR OPERATIONS

Mr. Steve Winger

Summer projects update:

It was a very busy summer.

Bro. Vinh and his crew added four rooms and a chapel at Arkfeld house. We appreciate all the hard work and time dedicated to this project. We are also thankful to all students who assisted with work and cleanup. These rooms and chapel will serve the DWC community well for many years to come.

Arkfeld also had a backup generator installed. The final startup and system testing are scheduled for this week. We now have generators at the main facility, Megan Hall and Arkfeld. If there is a power outage in the Epworth area DWC will still be able to operate with little or no disruption.

Hoc Mai installed four window air-conditioning units. Fr. Sam and Fr. John received new AC units in their offices, which they appreciated as the units are whisper quiet. Another unit was added to Room 143 and classroom 108.

The IS department installed five new smart televisions in the second-floor classrooms. Brad and Son Le did a great job getting the units installed. We now have smart televisions in nearly every classroom, replacing the outdated projectors. The IS department also installed a smart television near the student bulletin board. The Academic Affairs department will use this to communicate important information to students.

Housekeeping & Maintenance completed and assisted with many remodeling projects this summer. The Registrar, Secretary to the President and Admissions office received new paint, carpet and window shades. Peggy and Karen also supervised many of the student-workers.

We also want to thank all of the staff and student workers who maintained the grounds, including the courtyard and front entrance. Fr. Tom working in the courtyard was a common site this summer. The grounds have never looked better.





MATTHEW JACOBY
LIBRARY

NEW ON THE ECATALOG!

Welcome back to one and all! We in the library hope you all have enjoyed your summer vacation!

While you were gone, we have made a few additions to our eCatalog (<https://opac.dwci.edu/>) that you may be interested in!

To begin with, we have renewed our subscription to OverDrive and have added quite a few AudioBooks and eBooks to our collection. You can download any of these to your computer, tablet, or cell phone, and enjoy them wherever you go. If you would like to download something that we do not yet have, just ask, we will do our best to get it for you. There is no charge to you for downloading books from OverDrive! This is just another free benefit of having your library card!

Next up, we have added a newspaper section to the links on the eCatalog home page. The first newspaper we added was the Sunday edition of "The New York Times". We also receive the print version which you can find in the Magazine Reading Room on the second floor. You will need a password to access this newspaper online.

We have also added four newspapers which focus on news in and from Haiti and Viet Nam. Two of these newspapers are published in the United States. The other two are published in Haiti and Viet Nam respectively.

"The Haitian Times" is in English and focuses on news about Haiti as well as the Haitian diaspora in the United States. It also requires a password for access. "Le Nouvelliste" is in French and is published in Haiti.

Both of the Vietnamese newspapers are published in Vietnamese. "Người Việt" is published in the United States and "Lao Động" is published in Viet Nam.

To top off our list of new additions to the eCatalog, we have "The Reference Shelf". Many of you have used the print copies of "The Reference Shelf" series to research a wide variety of topics. And now, they are all available in HTML format from the eCatalog. You will be able to read them, take notes, and do your research without actually borrowing the print book – which we will still have!

We all hope you will enjoy using these new resources, and we will be happy to see you when you visit the library again!

Your friendly librarians,

Daniel Williams
Bro. Tony Kreinus
Liz Winter

FR. LONG PHI NGUYEN, SVD

VP FORMATION & DEAN OF STUDENTS

SURPRISING FACT

I can drink water with
my nose

MOST LEGENDARY BAND

Metallica



SKILL I'D LIKE TO MASTER

Play a saxophone and charango

CITY YOU WOULD LIVE IN

Puerta Varas, Chile

FAVORITE VILLAIN

Clint Eastwood

FAVORITE MOVIE

Godfather & The Lion King

END OF SUMMER BASH

Friday, August 26

Entertainment 4-6 PM *Tower Park*

Lemon Sisters, **Divine Word College Singers & Players**
Monica Steinbrech, Bill Mausser



Pickleball Clinic at the courts

Dubuque County Library
Storytime & Crafts



Bike Parade 6 PM *Lineup at Tower Park*

Decorate bikes, wagons, strollers with a summer theme or walk along sidewalk toward downtown.

Evening Vendors *Downtown*

Locals Bar & Coffee Shop - food & drink specials, music 7-10
Route 20 - discounts - open till 8 pm

Feed Store Pub - drink special
Pizza Factory - ice cream treats
& food specials



Epworth, Iowa