

Like **BOB KRAMER**, you can help Divine Word students



Bob Kramer

Bob Kramer, from New Hampton, Iowa, first knew about Divine Word College when he came to Epworth for a Mass servers' retreat. He was just in the eighth grade.

The retreat was only three days but from time to time, Bob, now 62 and recently retired, still thinks about what he learned at Divine Word that weekend.

"Being a new teenager at that time, I hadn't really thought about religious life. But during the weekend my eyes were really opened to the possibilities," he said.

Through high school and beyond, Bob wondered if being a priest or a brother was what he was called to be. But in the

end, even with strong encouragement from his grandmother, he decided it wasn't.

For nearly 30 years Bob has been a Divine Word College donor. Like many others, he thinks he received a letter asking for a donation. He recalled his eighth-grade retreat and the great experience he had.

Bob was also friends with Fr. John Harpel, SVD, who was the chaplain at the hospital in New Hampton. Because of those connections, Bob decided Divine Word would be a good place to support. And he has done so ever since.

Those connections are also the reason Bob has remembered the college in his estate plans.

"I never married, so I want to be able to help others," he said. "I know that my donations will help continue the education of Divine Word College students and I think that's important."

We are grateful to Bob and all of you who have remembered Divine Word College with a gift in your estate. Your generosity will make a difference for future Divine Word students!

For more information about leaving a gift in your will to Divine Word College, please contact Mark Singsank at
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You make it happen!



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As Catholics, we are called to minister to, or serve others, in whatever way best fits our abilities. When St. Paul wrote to the Romans, he encouraged them to use the gifts God had given them.

"Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let each of us exercise them accordingly: if prophecy, according to the proportion to the faith; if service, in serving; if one is a teacher, in teaching; if one exhorts, in exhortation; if one contributes, in generosity; if one leads, with diligence; if one does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness." (Romans 12:6-8)

One of the important parts of a Divine Word College student's education is their time spent in ministry. In this edition of our newsletter you will read about the variety of ministries students participate in around the Epworth area. You will also read about all the many countries our students are from. Divine Word

College is truly a melting pot of cultures, which helps students learn about parts of the world they are not familiar with. When they move on to their next ministry, this knowledge will help them fit in with their new community. Without your donations, the students you read about would not be at Divine Word. You make it possible for them to be here!

Gifts in your will to Divine Word are very important for the long-term success of the college and our students. Bob Kramer shares his story with you in this newsletter and why he has chosen to remember the college. I hope you consider doing the same. Thanksgiving Day will be here soon. I am thankful for you and all you do to help our students with their education. You do indeed make it happen.

*Have a Happy Thanksgiving and a
very Merry Christmas!*