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MISSION ANIMATION

Divine Word Missionaries use a term that may seem a little abstract – “mission animation.” It’s one of the religious order’s four characteristic dimensions or guiding principles.

So just what does it mean and how does it apply to students at Divine Word College? Mission animation is the act of stirring a response from others or “animating” them to get involved in the Church and in mission work.

Here at Divine Word College, mission animation is achieved in a number of ways.

Students volunteer their time and talents at nursing homes, a community meal site, an immigration center and multicultural parishes. Their active participation in these programs is an example to those they serve, as well as the people who they work with. Their actions

can inspire others to look for ways that they, too, can be of service.

What is mission animation?

Encouraging others to get involved or “animated” to actively participate in the Church and mission activities.

One such example is the annual garage sale the college holds each fall to raise money for a mission. This year, the Student Senate organized the event. They sold clothing, furniture, food items and home furnishings that were donated or no longer used at the college. The event gave them a chance to interact with people in the community. It also raised more than \$5,000 to support Ukrainian refugees in various countries where Divine Word

Missionaries are serving.