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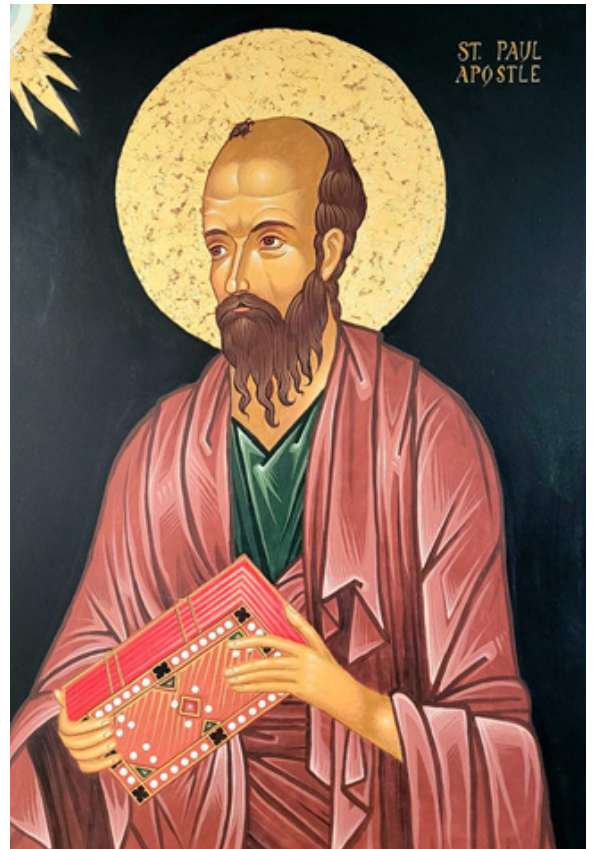
THE PRESIDENT *Fr. Tom Ascheman, SVD*

St. Paul's Divine Word College

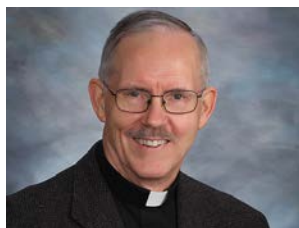
There is a six foot icon of a well-known saint at DWC. Do you know where it is? You have probably walked by it at least one-thousand times since the beginning of the school year!

There is a large statue of the same saint in the main chapel. Do you know where that is? Why do you think it is there?

On Wednesday (Jan 25) we celebrate the feast of **Saint Paul, the patron saint of Divine Word College**. In 1931, the SVDs purchased the 25 acre DWC campus for a total of \$16,000! One portion of the property belonged to my great-grandparents, but the bigger part was formerly a Methodist seminary, originally established in 1857. We SVDs opened a mission seminary here in 1931 and named it St. Paul Mission House. Just think, there have been Christian schools of higher education operating on this land for 166 years!



Recently I received a copy of a 1906 student handbook for the Methodist "seminary." While some students were studying for ministry, most of them were studying at a level we would likely call junior college. The student body included Methodists, Lutherans, Catholics and others.



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The “ecumenical” history of this school makes it quite fitting that we celebrate St. Paul’s feast every year as our college patron. And, his feast day is the concluding day of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

As we celebrate St. Paul this year, I will especially have three prayers on my mind.

First, I am grateful that St. Paul’s conversion allowed him to be a champion for Christ Jesus, opening his arms to Jews and Gentiles alike. I pray that DWC, and my life, will continue to be animated by openness to all peoples, cultures and nations. And I pray that we can be open to other Christians, welcoming them as brothers and sisters.

Second, a line from Paul’s letter to the Romans has become a personal motto, expressing my sense of call and purpose: “God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us” (Rm 5:5). When I turn my heart to prayer, I feel St. Paul’s friendship and help. May he continue to be a mentor for us in prayer and a helper in sharing our faith with others.

Third, a Trinitarian prayer from Paul’s letter to the Ephesians (3:14-21) sends my heart soaring:

I bow my knees before **the Father**, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name.

I pray that, according to the riches of his glory he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his **Spirit**, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love.

I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever, Amen.

What more is there to write after such Spirit-filled eloquence? Good St. Paul, pray for us.



Lunar New Year Photos are
available at:
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/kMLMnCwNJ1kGrCys8>



VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Fr. John Szukalski, SVD

Faculty Professional Development: Annual Data Collection For Calendar Year 2022

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):

- “The institution has processes and resources for assuring that instructors are current in their disciplines and adept in their teaching roles; it supports their professional development.” (HLC Criterion 3.C.4)
- “Faculty have experience relevant to teaching students at the postsecondary level in their areas of assignment and demonstrate an ongoing commitment to professional development.” (CEA Faculty Standard 2)

Through the VP for Academic Affairs Office, the College provides many opportunities and generous funding for faculty ongoing professional development at the College (Faculty Institute, Faculty In-Services, web-based training) and for external professional conferences, workshops, and webinars.

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 2022 (January 1 – December 31) using categories below. Please email your report to the Registrar, Ms. Kimberly Burnett-Hackbarth, no later than noon on Friday, February 10, 2023. Thanks in advance for your collaboration.

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| • Professional Memberships | • Conferences Attended |
| • Publications (Monograph/Article) | • Performances, Exhibitions |
| • Conference Presentations | • Other (personal study, research, webinars, etc.) |

* A listing of Vector and KnowB4 Training modules will be included for each member automatically.

Faculty Professional Development

Dr. Cathleen Cleary—Assistant Professor of Biology—has been granted professional development funding to take a Magna Publications online course “Practical Solutions for Faculty: Flipping Your Classroom” in January 2023.



Cleary



Rioux



Szukalski

Dr. Yasmin Rioux—Assistant Professor of Communication & Writing—has been granted professional development funding to attend and present at the annual Conference on College Composition & Communication (CCCC) held in Chicago, Illinois from February 15-18, 2023. Dr. Rioux’s presentation is entitled: “Hoping and Laboring toward Equitable Writing Pedagogies by Examining International Students’ Assumptions about Writing.”

Fr. John A. Szukalski SVD—VP for Academic Affairs—will attend the Winter Leadership Gathering organized by the Conference of Major Superiors of Men (CMSM) held in Houston, Texas from January 23-25, 2023. The Leadership Gathering will feature deep conversation around a variety of leadership issues and will draw on case studies from major superiors who have dealt with issues in safeguarding, mutual relations, sponsorship, and other areas.

St. John’s School of Theology & Seminary @ Collegeville MN

Fr. Michael Patella, OSB, Professor of Theology and Rector of St. John’s Seminary in Collegeville Minnesota, will be visiting Divine Word College from Wednesday, January 25 through Friday, January 27, 2023. Mr. Alex Blechle, St. John’s new admission director, will join Fr. Michael on this visit to DWC. Both guests will be available to speak with any students interested in the possibility of attending St. John’s University for graduate studies. They will address any questions about degree programs, the application process, accommodations, and scholarship opportunities.



Assessment Bites

from Dr. Yasmin Rioux

Our faculty evaluations of signature assignments periods have officially started! Thank you, dear contributors! In some instances, faculty have mentioned that the system presents them with all of their “assignments” during round 1, even those that are supposed to open during rounds two or three. During a conversation with Watermark, I was informed that this is simply how the system works and that this cannot be changed. So, in order to attempt to make this easier, I will try to only add one evaluator per class per round. However, if you still see more signature assignments, please simply go ahead and complete these.

If you have further question regarding this or anything else, please contact me!



VICE PRESIDENT FOR FORMATION DEAN OF STUDENTS

Fr. Long Phi Nguyen, SVD

Thank You

A Lunar New Year always brings joy to the community. On behalf of the community, I express my heartfelt gratitude and congratulations to all members of the VSA, in collaboration with the AHA and the ACSA under the leadership of Mr. Hung Cong Nguyen, the president of the VSA, and all students who contributed their time and talents to organize a successful and enjoyable Lunar New Year celebration. It was a special occasion to celebrate our interculturality with traditional outfits, entertainment, games, and delicious food. The joy and excitement were surely contagious to all. The participation of everyone was indeed a testimony to our community's interculturality. Special thanks to Fr. Simon Hoang, SVD, the chaplain of the VSA, Fr. Sonny De Class, Dr. Evelyn Dias, musicians and cantors, choir, sacristans, visual technicians, Ms. Sandy Wilgenbusch, Ms. Emily Shedek, and all those who made the meaningful Eucharistic celebration possible. Thanks to all and may the lunar new year of cat and rabbit bring us lasting peace and joy. Happy Lunar New Year!



Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul

On Wednesday, January 25, is the feast of the conversion of St. Paul, Apostle. It is also the end of the week of prayer for Christian unity. The meditation for this day is taken from Psalm 82:1-4

In Psalm 82, God calls for a justice that upholds the basic human rights to which all people are entitled: freedom, safety, dignity, health, equality and love. The Psalm also calls for the overturning of systems of disparity and oppression, and fixing anything that is unfair, corrupt, or exploitative. This is the justice that we, as Christians, are called to promote. In Christian community we join our wills and actions to God's, as he works his salvation for creation.

In Jesus and the Disinherited, The Rev. Dr. Howard Thurman, who was spiritual adviser to The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. states that: "We must proclaim the truth that all life is one and that we are all of us tied together. Therefore, it is mandatory that we work for a society in which the

least person can find refuge and refreshment. You must lay your lives on the altar of social change so that wherever you are, there the Kingdom of God is at hand."

Jesus tells the parable of the widow and the unjust judge in order to teach the people "about their need to pray always and not to lose heart" (Luke 18: 1). Jesus has won a decisive victory over injustice, sin and division, and as Christians our task is to receive this victory firstly in our own hearts through prayer and secondly in our lives through action.

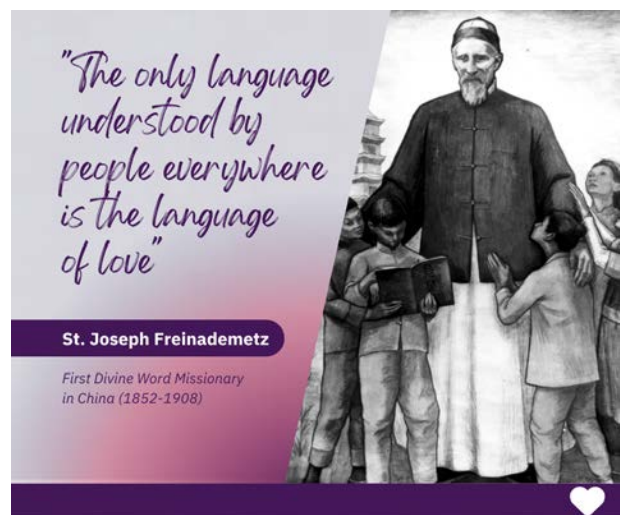
(<https://www.atonementfriars.org/2023-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-day-eight/>)

Vocation Mass

The community of St. Arnold Janssen will organize a vocation Mass on Friday, January 27 at 8:00 AM in the Main Chapel. Frt. Nam Duy Nguyen, SVD, will share his vocation journey. Please come to pray for the work of our vocation recruiters as well as for an increase of religious vocations, particularly for Fr. Paul Aquino, SVD, and members of St. Arnold Janssen.

Feast of St. Joseph Freinademetz

On Sunday, January 29, is the feast of St. Joseph Freinademetz, who was the first SVD missionary sent to China. Because it falls on Sunday, the community will celebrate it with Sunday Vespers at its usual time. Let us join with the whole SVD community in thanksgiving and praise to God for the gift of his life and missionary zeal. Pray that through his intercession may we grow in greater holiness and be renewed in our commitment to serving God's people with joy, generosity and love.



Webinar: Tracing the Divine Word in China

The Monumenta Serica Institute compiled data on the work in China of more than 700 Divine Word Missionaries and Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters. This webinar presents information about their ministries and introduces viewers to some of the individual missionaries. This project was done in collaboration with the China Historical Christian Database (<https://chcdatabase.com/>). The webinar will take place this Thursday, January 26, from 8–9 a.m., Central Time. Join the webinar at <https://bostonu.zoom.us/j/7085784737>.



Self-Esteem

Self-esteem refers to the way we see and think about ourselves. It is not about self-love but the evaluation we place on our self-concept. Some signs of people with high self-esteem are that they respect themselves and consider themselves worthy. People with low self-esteem usually experience self-dissatisfaction and self-rejection. They do not feel good about themselves.

What significant people/events/statements have affected your self-esteem? Can you remember any words or statements your parents said that formed or affected your self-esteem?

We are not born knowing who and what we are. We acquire our image of ourselves over time by realizing our natural abilities and by constantly receiving messages about ourselves from the people closest to us and from our environment. Our upbringing, culture and life experiences influence our self-esteem. Living in a new culture can increase the negative effects on our self-esteem.

There are a few things you can do to increase your self-esteem:

1. Cultivate self-compassion. You need to treat yourself with kindness. When you feel down, inadequate, or are struggling, try not to be self-critical. Be gentle to yourself. Failure is not the end of the world.
2. Be around people who are very supportive and encouraging. Positive influences will help you to grow positively.
3. On the other hand, avoid people and places that make you feel bad about yourself.
4. Pay special attention to your personal hygiene, dress in clothes that make you feel good about yourself, and eat good food as part of a healthy, balanced diet.
5. Do more of the things you enjoy and remember to do something nice for others.
6. Make three lists: one of your strengths, one of your achievements, and one of the things you admire about yourself.
7. Dispute your inner negative thoughts and think positively about yourself.
8. Set yourself a challenge that you can realistically achieve, and then go for it.
9. Practice GRATITUDE – give thanks for the gift of life that God has given you.



The Counseling Center is open five days a week, with appointments on weekends and holidays. Please reach out to us at auntarto@dwci.edu | Room 202 | Ext. 377.



MATTHEW JACOBY
LIBRARY

Watch Movies in the Library

Bring your own headphones and come to the library to watch a movie! The library now has 6 portable DVD/Blu-ray players available. 4 are available for use in the library and 2 are available to check out. We also recently received a donation of over 400 DVDs. From classics like "Goodbye Mr. Chips," "Meet me in St. Louis," and Alfred Hitchcock's "Blackmail" to recent British TV shows like the "Great British Bake Off," you are sure to find something to watch. While the "new" DVDs are not in the [eCatalog](#) yet, they are on the shelf for in-person browsing. If you'd like to check one out, bring it to the library office.

We will also be working on a MLK week display that will feature books by and about practitioners of nonviolence. All books on display are available to check out.

JUSTICE, PEACE AND INTEGRITY OF CREATION COUNCIL

MLK Week (January 30- February 3)

From Monday to Friday during MLK week, we will have PowerPoint presentations in the dining room during lunch. Also, the Art Gallery will have two computers set up for presentations and research. Bro. Brian McLaughlin will be in the Art Gallery on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 12:30-12:45 to answer any questions or to help students find resources on MLK. Also, Mr. Larry Udry will be in the Art Gallery on Tuesday and Thursday from 12:30-12:45 to assist students.

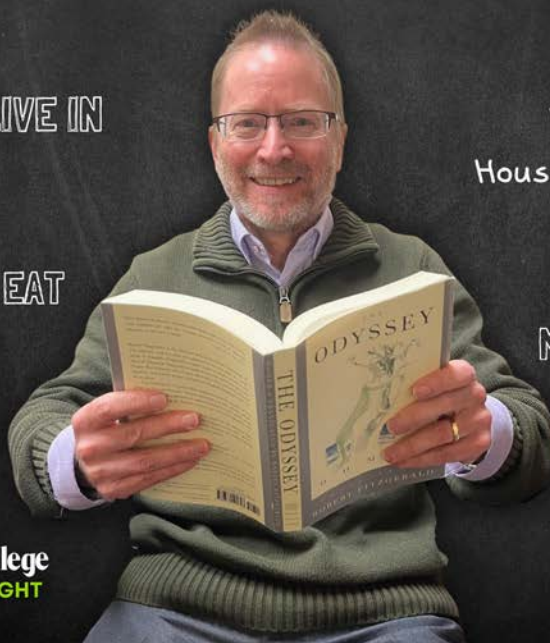
During MLK Week, we highly encourage faculty to include MLK or other practitioners of nonviolence in their lesson plans. Practitioners of nonviolence could include Dorothy Day, Thich Nhat Hanh, Thomas Merton or others who tried to live peaceably.

DR. RICHARD GARRETT

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

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Jerusalem

FAVORITE PLACE TO EAT
Outdoor terrace at a
French restaurant in
the summer



TIME TRAVEL TO
The Middle Ages

RANDOM FACT
I was a ball boy for the
Houston Rockets for 2 years

MOST LEGENDARY BAND
Rolling Stones

FAVORITE MOVIE
Any Hitchcock film



Divine Word Missionaries *Heritage Tour*

September 18 - 30, 2023

Hosted by
Fr. Thang Hoang, SVD
Divine Word Alumni Director

Visiting: Amsterdam * Steyl * Rhine Valley * Bavaria * Oies
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The tour will visit significant sites in the history of The Society of the Divine Word and our sister orders. You can see Steyl, Oies, Goch, and the Rhine Valley. The tour also includes stops in Amsterdam, Bavaria, Venice, Florence, and Rome.

This historical trip gives a glimpse into how the SVD began and how Fr. Arnold overcame many obstacles and challenges by God's grace to fulfill God's plan for our religious missionary congregation. This is the trip of a lifetime. [Click HERE for more information](#)

Contact Sandy Wilgenbusch with questions or to REGISTER!

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