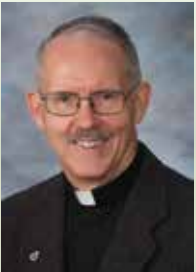


President's Annual Report

SHARING OUR GIFTS MEANS SHARING A PIECE OF OURSELVES

*As believers, we know that our existence is a gift from God.
The question is, are we willing to share that gift?*



Fr. Tom
Ascherman, SVD

There is a story of a boy who knew his life was a gift to be given away. His little sister had a rare blood disease, and she needed a blood donor. To complicate things, she also had an unusual blood type. As it turned out, the girl's older brother was a perfect match. He was only about 10 years old, but given the urgent situation, his parents and the doctors asked if he would donate blood to his sister. The boy looked stricken for a moment, but then he found his courage and said he would give whatever was needed to keep his sister alive. The boy was brave as they placed a needle in his arm and he watched his blood flowing out in a tube. A few minutes later, he asked his mother when he would die. The mother was bewildered by the question, but then she realized that her young son was amazingly courageous and generous. He mistakenly thought that his sister would need all of his blood, and not just some. That boy showed he was willing to give himself away for the sake of his sister.

Sometimes, like the boy in the story, we need to be willing to give whatever part of us can serve others. As each of us has received gifts, we must use them to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace.

This edition of the DWC World is filled with stories about members of the Divine Word College community

who are offering their God-given gifts to help others. On pages 2 and 3, you read about Fr. Brian Junkes, SVD. He shared his karate experience with children in Chad during his Cross-Cultural Training Program. Brian didn't think his personal interest in karate could possibly be part of his ministry work, but he discovered that martial arts helped him connect with young people in the community.

On pages 4 and 5, you were introduced to four DWC graduates who are making a difference by sharing their talents. One is an educator, one is a mental healthcare professional, one is a diocesan priest serving at a parish in California and the other is an archbishop who is leading a worldwide aid group for the Catholic Church. On pages 20 and 21, you'll meet five Divine Word College students who each have unique gifts. They're using those skills to help and serve the people around them.

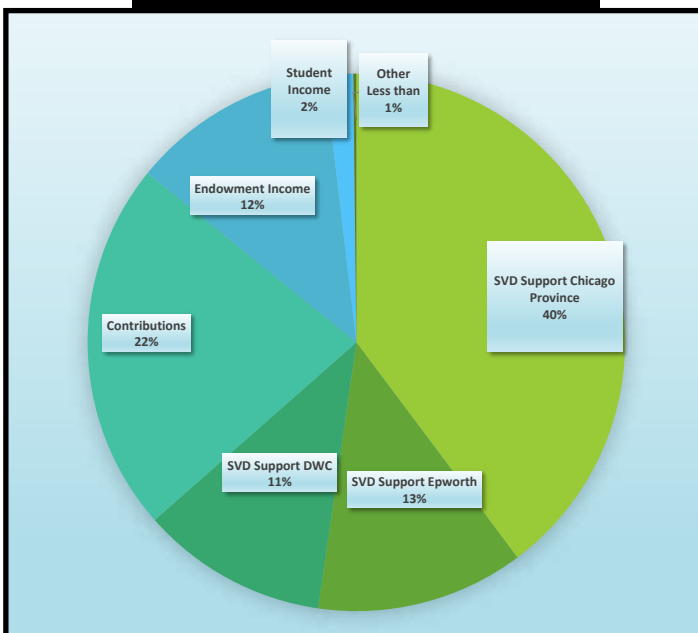
All of our lives are gifts. We give ourselves away as we reach out in loving friendship.

Thank you for the many ways that you have reached out to support the students at Divine Word College, no matter what the method. Whether you tutor students who are learning English, develop friendships with students in your local parish, remember our students in your prayers or make financial contributions to the college, your generosity of gifts makes a difference.

President's Financial Report

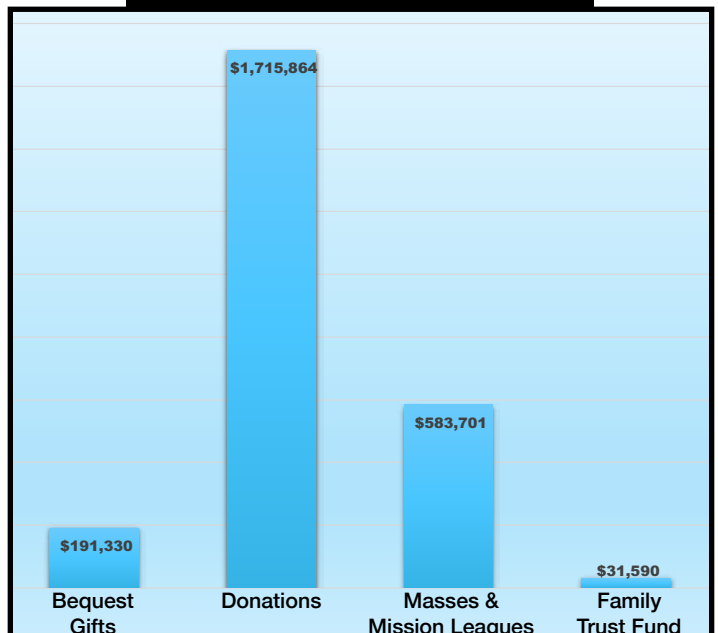


Divine Word College Income 2022 Fiscal Year



SVD Support Chicago Province	\$3,383,594
Contributions	\$1,900,695
Endowment Income	\$1,044,217
SVD Support Epworth	\$1,063,492
SVD Support DWC	\$955,294
Student Income	\$144,195
Other	\$15,618

Benefactor Contributions 2022 Fiscal Year



Most DWC students have limited financial means, but no one who is seriously considering religious life is turned away for lack of money.

Last year, DWC students received more than \$1.7 million in scholarship assistance.