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THE PRESIDENT *Fr. Tom Ascheman, SVD*

Witness to the Kingdom

The purpose of missionary service is to give witness to the dawning of the Kingdom. That is the focus and mission of the whole Church. Jesus teaches us to pray "Thy kingdom come! Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." Jesus himself announced the kingdom saying, "the kingdom of God is at hand." Jesus also sends his disciples into the whole world to be his witnesses to resurrection and the coming new life for the world. *We* are witnesses.



There are many other words and expressions for the reality that we announce. Matthew's Gospel speaks of the *Kingdom of Heaven*. Paul wrote about a *New Creation*. St. Augustine wrote about building the *City of God*, and yearning for the New Jerusalem. Some contemporary theologians prefer to write about the *Reign of God*. St. Paul VI and St. John Paul II urged that we look to a *New Civilization of Love*.

This past Sunday, the Solemnity of Christ the King focused our attention on the end of time. As we come to the end of the liturgical year, we look forward to the coming of the Kingdom in all of its glory. Though we have not yet arrived, we are well on the way. Some special moments that remind us that the kingdom is really very close.

A story comes to mind. In 1901, a diplomat was invited to London for the coronation of Edward VII and his wife Alexandra as king and queen of the United Kingdom. When the diplomat returned home he was asked what was the most "royal thing" he witnessed.



He answered "While there were many beautiful and regal moments in the many ceremonies, the most impressive thing I saw

occurred on my way back to my hotel one cold evening. On a doorstep I saw a poor young boy shivering as he sat with his little sister. He had taken off his coat and wrapped his sister in it to keep her warm. That was the most kingly moment.”

On Thursday, DWC will present a Matthew 25 award. It is given to people in the local area who are living out Jesus’ teaching as remembered in the 25th chapter of Matthew’s gospel. There Jesus told a story of a king who spoke to some members of a gathered crowd, “Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me...”

This year we will celebrate seeing something “royal” in the work of the people at the Lantern Center in Dubuque. Ms. Megan Ruiz, the executive director of the Center will be with us to receive the award on behalf of the many people working there to welcome strangers and immigrants to the Dubuque area. Jesus said “whatever you did for one of these least brothers (or sisters) of mine, you did for me.”

The Kingdom sometimes seems like it is a long ways off, but when we witness acts of selfless hospitality, we know that the kingdom is already here among us. At his second coming, at the end of time, the King appears among the hungry, the thirsty and the strangers. Strange, isn’t it, that in his first coming in Bethlehem, the King appeared as a hungry baby, laid in the manger, a place for animals to eat? Thank God Joseph and Mary were there to welcome him. Thank God that we are here now.

Title IX Team

The College Title IX Team responds to complaints of harassment and sexual misconduct as outlined in the DWC Handbook. The College is committed to creating and maintaining a safe and respectful environment for all of its students, employees and visitors.

Ms. Kimberly Burnett-Hackbarth was appointed to the team to serve as an investigator. I am grateful for her willingness to share in this important service. The team for the current academic year is:

Steve Winger, Coordinator

Long Phi Nguyen SVD, Investigator

Kimberly Burnet-Hackbarth, Investigator

Tuan Hoang SVD, Hearing Board

Sonny de Class SVD, Hearing Board

Evelyn Dias, Hearing Board

This week DWC welcomes five SVD visitors

Three of our visitors come from the Southern and Western Provinces. They were invited to the College to “Come and See” the efforts of DWC to educate new missionaries. We are grateful for their help to find additional SVD candidates in their places of ministry.

- **Fr. Dilip Kumar Soreng SVD**, originally from India, is the pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Baytown, TX. One of our SVD candidates comes from his parish.
- **Br. David Nikins SVD**, originally from Papua New Guinea, works in the Southern Province Offices, is the Praeses of the Bay St. Louis Community, and is in charge of the retreat center. David spent several months in 2017 at Divine Word College when he first arrived in the USA.
- **Fr. Yori Sodanango SVD**, originally from Indonesia, is a newly named parish administrator of St. Anthony Church in the San Bernadino diocese.



**Fr. Dilip Kumar
Soreng SVD**



**Br. David
Nikins SVD**



**Fr. Yori
Sodanango SVD**



Two additional visitors come from the SVD General Administration in Rome. They have been at Techny for the annual meeting of the Mission Office, and have extended their stay to be with us on Thursday and Friday.

Fr. Paulus Budi Kleden SVD, originally from Indonesia, is the Superior General and has been serving in that role since 2018.



Fr. Dariusz Garbaciak SVD, originally from Poland, is the General Treasurer since 2019. Dariusz worked in the Chicago Province for many years, serving as Provincial Treasurer for thirteen years before being asked to serve as Treasurer at the Generalate.



**VICE PRESIDENT
FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**
Fr. John Szukalski, SVD

Schedule for Visit to Divine Word College, Epworth Iowa:

Superior General Very Rev Paulus Budi Kleden SVD
General Treasurer Rev Dariusz Garbaciak SVD

It is a rare and special privilege that Divine Word College welcomes the visit of the SVD Superior General—Very Reverend Paulus Budi Kleden, SVD—and SVD General Treasurer—Reverend Dariusz Garbaciak, SVD. This informal visit to DWC will provide them an opportunity to experience the excellent collaborative work we do for the academic education and religious formation of men and women for missionary service in the Church! Kindly welcome them on their brief visit.

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Afternoon Arrival to DWC
6:00 pm Vespers / Matthew 25 Award (Chapel)
6:30 pm Banquet / Matthew 25 Award (Dining Room)
8:00 pm Social for SVD / SSpS (SVD Lounge)

Friday, December 1, 2023

6:30 am Breakfast (Dining Room)
8:00 am Mass LC - Fr Budi Presider & Homilist (Main Chapel)
9:00 am * Meeting with SVD Juniors, Candidates, Formators (Board Room)
10:00 am Meeting with Board of Administration (Room 143)
11:45 am Lunch (Dining Room)
Afternoon Departure from DWC

* SVD Juniors & Candidates are EXCUSED from 9:00 am class to attend this meeting.

Advent Luncheon – 11:50 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 6, 2023

Modified class schedule

The annual DWC Advent Luncheon will take place from 11:50 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 6, 2023. In order to accommodate this college-wide event, classes will be held according to a modified schedule. Please carefully note the starting and ending times for each class period as listed below.

Wednesday, December 6, 2023 – Modified Class Schedule

Undergraduate Classes

9:00 a.m. class	9:00 – 9:50 a.m.	No change
10:00 a.m. class	10:00 – 10:50 a.m.	No change
11:00 a.m. class	11:00 – 11:45 a.m.	Ends 5 minutes early

1:00 p.m. class	1:15 – 2:05 p.m.	Start delayed 15 minutes
2:00 p.m. class	2:15 – 3:05 p.m.	Start delayed 15 minutes
3:00 p.m. class	3:15 – 4:05 p.m.	Start delayed 15 minutes
4:00 p.m. class	4:15 – 5:05 p.m.	Start delayed 15 minutes

ESL Classes

9:00 a.m. class	9:00 – 10:50 a.m.	No change
11:00 a.m. class	11:00 – 11:45 a.m.	Ends 5 minutes early
1:00 p.m. class	1:15 – 2:05 p.m.	Start delayed 15 minutes
2:00 p.m. class	2:15 – 4:05 p.m.	Start delayed 15 minutes

Senior Synthesis Capstone Presentations – Fall Semester 2023

Eight graduating seniors will deliver their Synthesis Capstone Presentations in partial fulfillment of the requirements for earning their respective Bachelor of Arts degrees in December 2023. Capstone presentations provide an opportunity for students to showcase their learning and research in areas of particular interest under faculty member guidance. In an effort to mitigate the exaggerated emphasis that has developed around capstone presentations over recent years, here are some key points to keep in mind:

- Capstone presentations will not be video recorded or live streamed
- Capstone presentations will take place in the assigned room as noted, not in room 107 nor in the main chapel
- Capstone presentation will be followed by a brief period for questions and discussion
- Attendance is limited to no more than 10 students invited by the presenter from the same academic degree program major field
 - For example, a THM capstone presenter may invite up to a maximum of 10 declared THM major students
 - Any THM/PHI faculty member may attend any THM/PHI presentation
 - No outside guests

Monday, December 4, 2023

10:30 a.m. Room 143

Sr. Angela Onyeche Omola, SON – “Mary’s Pain: Our Lady’s Experience of Childbirth as a Model for Coping with Physical, Emotional, and Sociological Suffering. A Path Forward for Ministering to Those Traumatized by Pain.”

A Theology & Mission Capstone Presentation

THM Capstone Instructor: Dr. Benjamin Winter – Assistant Professor of Theology

11:00 a.m. Room 143

Sr. Dien Thi Vu, LHC-V – “The Binding of Isaac: Abraham’s Faith before God’s Test—Yes or No?”

A Theology & Mission Capstone Presentation

THM Capstone Instructor: Dr. Benjamin Winter – Assistant Professor of Theology

2:30 p.m. Room 143

Sr. Dung Kim Thi Mai, LHC-TV – “Faith and Culture: A Comprehensive Approach to Nurturing Vietnamese Catholic Youth.”

A Theology & Mission Capstone Presentation

THM Capstone Instructor: Dr. Benjamin Winter – Assistant Professor of Theology

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

9:00 a.m. Room 143

Sr. Tuyet Thi Pham, OP-BC – “A Trauma-Informed Approach to the Practice of Chinese Traditional Medicine in Vietnam.”

An Intercultural Studies Capstone Presentation

ICS Capstone Instructor: Bro. Brian McLauchlin, SVD – Instructor of Interdisciplinary Studies

10:00 a.m. Board Room

Mr. Antz-Carly Cadet – “The Rationality of Believing in God according to Friedrich Nietzsche and Saint Thomas Aquinas.”

A Philosophy Capstone Presentation

PHI Capstone Instructor: Dr. Jason Reed – Assistant Professor of Philosophy

10:30 a.m. Board Room

Mr. Long Hai Ngoc Nguyen – “John Rawls and St. Thomas Aquinas on the Nature of Justice: A Compare and Contrast.”

A Philosophy Capstone Presentation

PHI Capstone Instructor: Dr. Jason Reed – Assistant Professor of Philosophy

11:00 a.m. Room 143

Sr. Tinh Thi Le, LHC-V – “A Pastoral Program for Crisis in Family Relationships: Sabbatical Moments.”

A Theology & Mission Capstone Presentation

THM Capstone Instructor: Fr. Stephen Kha Nguyen, SVD – Assistant Professor of Theology

3:00 p.m. Room 143

Sr. Scovia Okello Apiyo, LSMIG – “Embracing the Concept of the Imago Dei among the Physically Disabled Victims of the Lord’s Resistance Army (LRA) Civil War in Northern Uganda and Addressing Social Exclusion in Local Communities.”

A Theology & Mission Capstone Presentation

THM Capstone Instructor: Sr. Anna Trang Mai, IHM – Instructor of Theology



from Dr. Yasmin Rioux

Formative vs. Summative

Formative validity: “How well an assessment procedure provides information that is useful for improving what is being assessed” (Allen, 2004, p. 168).

Summative validity: “Assessment accurately evaluates what is being assessed” (Allen, 2004, p. 172)



VICE PRESIDENT FOR FORMATION DEAN OF STUDENTS

Fr. Long Phi Nguyen, SVD

SVD Superior General Visit

I am excited to announce that on Thursday afternoon, November 30, we will have the honor of welcoming Fr. Paulus Budi Kleden, SVD, the Superior General of the Society of the Divine Word (SVD), to our community for a short visit. Fr. Kleden will be celebrating Mass with us on Friday morning, December 1, at 8:00 AM. All are invited to join in this celebration and extend a warm welcome to Fr. Kleden during his brief stay with us. Let's make his visit memorable and ensure he feels at home among us.

Matthew 25 Award

This Thursday, November 20, 2023, Divine Word College will host the Matthew 25 Award ceremony. This event honors and recognizes remarkable men and women who have dedicated their lives to serve the poor and the marginalized, embodying the spirit of the Gospel as described in St. Matthew 25: 35-26 – "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you care for me, in prison and you visited me." This ceremony will begin with vespers at 6:00 pm in the main chapel, followed by a banquet in the dining room. All students are required to attend, and we ask that you dress in formal attire for the special occasion.

Drinks and Snacks to Relief Stress

As the Fall semester draws to a close, things can get tense and stressful. Last week, I reminded you about the importance of exercise. While exercise is a great way to manage stress, social interaction is equally important.

With the Pour House undergoing renovations, we have organized an alternative space for relaxation and socializing. The Formation Team will provide complimentary snacks and beverages, including donuts, noodles, coffee, and drinks, in Martha's Kitchen and Student Lounge from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM on the following days: **Thursday, November 30; Tuesday, December 5; and Thursday, December 7.** All are welcome to take a break, enjoy some snacks, and engage in social interactions for stress relief.

Christmas Break

This is a final call for all students who have not yet purchased their airfare tickets for the Christmas break. Please meet with Mr. Jeff by Friday, December 1, to finalize your travel plans. If you plan to remain on campus during Christmas break, you must inform the Dean of Students now. As a reminder, according to the Almanac, the Christmas break begins on Saturday, December 16, and ends with students returning on January 9-10, 2024. If your travel dates differ from the scheduled break, inform the Dean of Students immediately.

Please be aware that travel during the Christmas season may be impacted by weather conditions. It's important to check your flight status in advance. In case of any flight cancellations or rescheduling, contact Fr. Long Phi Nguyen or Fr. Tuan Hoang without delay to make necessary arrangements. Safe travels and happy holidays!



Tips for Preparing Final Exams

(Source: *Study Smarter, Not Harder* by Kevin Paul, MA)

1. Gather all materials: collect all you need to review: textbooks, notes, handouts, etc.
2. Make a “realistic” schedule:
 - a. Set priorities
 - b. Schedule enough time to study each subject
 - c. Spend one or two hours to review and rehearse what you have studied. It is not good if you try to study something new at this point.
3. Begin your actual study with a “not more” than 30 minutes’ warm up: to review everything in the subject. This will help you to remember some of the topics you have learned during the semester.
4. Create a detailed listing of all significant information you will need to know for the exams. This step includes skimming all your notes, texts, and other materials. Write out each topic as you come across it in your quick review. This step is similar to making a synthesis of your course.
5. Based on your listing, review the material intensely.
6. Practice a lot of output: teaching to material to your peer, making flashcards and using them, drawing mind maps, and writing.
7. Test yourself: go to a topic and try to explain it in your own words on what you understand, what the important information you need to know and the implication and/or application in the reality.
8. Repeat steps 5 to 7 until you feel confident with it.
9. Practical details:
 - a. Know the format of the exams: multiple choice, essay, true/false, etc.
 - b. Know the time and the place of the exams.
 - c. Prepare spare pens, pencils, erasers, etc.
10. Make your own questions to practice.
11. Dealing with anxiety: relaxation and focus techniques work best to overcome a panic attack during the exams. You also need to remember that an exam is only a test of your recall of a body of knowledge in a specific time and format. This is not a test of your self-worth.



by
Sr. Aprilia
Untarto, SSPS

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 220 | Ext. 377 for more information.

“You don’t have to be great to start. But you have to start to be great.”



VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADMISSIONS

Mr. Len Uhal

Welcome

This week we welcome three Divine Word Missionaries who are visiting Divine Word College, two for the first time. While Bro. David Nikins, SVD, and Fr. Dilip Soreng, SVD, are from the U.S. Southern Province, Fr. Yori Nango, SVD, is from the U.S. Western Province. All three are guests of the Vocation Office. We want more Divine Word Missionaries to know about what we do here at Divine Word College and encourage them to help us in mentoring and inviting young men to consider SVD formation. We hope this first-hand experience of being on campus will help them better understand and appreciate our formation program and excite them to help with vocation animation in their parishes and ministry sites. Welcome Bro. David and Frs. Yori and Dilip! Enjoy your visit!

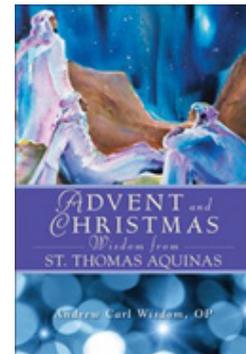
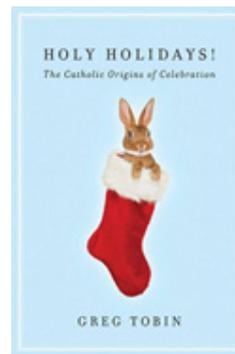
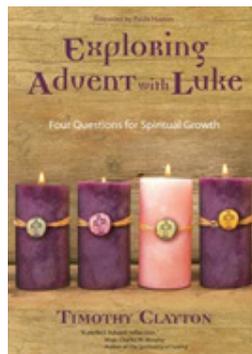
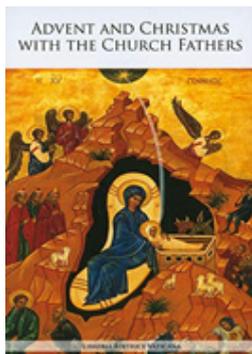


Matthew Jacoby Library

 opac.dwci.edu

Advent in the Library

Come to the library and peruse the library's Advent and Christmas book display! All books on display can be checked out.



End of the Semester Reminders for Students and Faculty

Before you leave campus for winter break:

- Check out some new books or DVDs to read or watch over break!
- Return or renew all items that you have checked out.
- Return or remove any items from the shelves under the windows.

Student Resources and Research Assistance

Students: If you need assistance with an assignment, the library has resources and services to help!

- 1) Search the catalog (opac.dwci.edu) for books.
- 2) Search the library's subscription databases for eBooks and articles.

Library Resource Guides

 **Research Guides, Source Evaluation Worksheets, and More!**

 **ESL Resource Guide**

 **Zotero Citation Manager Download**

 **Zotero Quick Citation Generator**

 **OWL Research and Citation Guide**

- 3) Read the library's resource guides for undergraduate and ESL students (opac.dwci.edu)
- 4) Use the library's Reference Services. Set up an appointment for an in-person meeting:

Email Ms. Elizabeth Winter (ewinter@dwci.edu) with the following information:

1. your assignment details;
2. the work you have done so far (this includes things like research topic formulation, sources you have found, outline, bibliography, rough draft etc.); if you are just starting the research process, please be sure to explain the who/what/when/where/why of your topic;
3. day/time you would like to meet to discuss the paper or project.

Library Lunch and Learn

Monday, December 27th, 12:30-1 PM, Room 107

AI Tools and Tips: How to Use AI Responsibly

Key learning objectives:

- Formulate a working definition of AI
- Identify how AI is being used in education
- Recognize ways to use AI responsibly
- Discover tools to try out

Campus Read Follow-Up Survey

Only 7 people have filled out the Campus Read Follow-Up Survey. The Campus Read Committee would like to hear from EVERYONE, whether you read the book or participated in events or not.

Take the survey now: <https://forms.office.com/r/LGs6eWemgT>