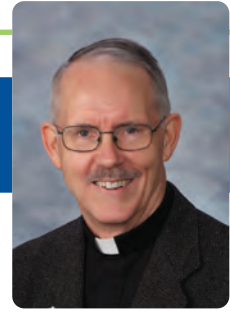


PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Fr. Tom
Ascheman, SVD

Educating the Whole World

The slogan on the wall at the front entrance reads:
Educating tomorrow's missionaries. I sometimes think it needs a bit of editing.

Here are a couple of alternatives.

Educating the whole world. DWC is a tiny college with a big mission, but can we really say we educate the whole world? Our students, faculty, and staff come from more than 25 nations. That's a good start to the "whole world." Another part of the story is that DWC is educating people who will become educators. Four current or recent college presidents studied here: one each in Japan, Taiwan, the Philippines — and one at DWC: me! Nineteen alumni now work at the College, and hundreds more teach in schools and universities worldwide. One of the most recent was Sr. Paschaline who graduated in December 2023 and took up her responsibilities as a headmistress of a primary school in Cameroon in January of 2024!!! At Christmas break she flipped from one side of the desk to the other.

Beyond formal education, alumni are helping people read, use computers, improve farming methods, care for the environment, pray, study the Bible, promote justice, and foster unity. Thousands of catechists around the world have been trained by our alumni. I myself am grateful that years ago I could help start an informal school for catechists in Mexico City. The parish was huge (around 300,000 people), needing hundreds of catechists. For many, it was their first classroom since childhood. They did amazingly well.

Educating today's missionaries. Our College is not just for the future. DWC urges our students, faculty and staff to be more effective missionaries TODAY. Just by living here, in our extraordinarily intercultural community, we live out a part of the Constitutions of the Society of the Divine Word:

"We propose to make the goodness and kindness of God visible in our life and service. As a community of brothers (and sisters) from different nations and languages, we become a living symbol of the unity and diversity of the church..." (and of God's New Creation).

Living at Divine Word College is sharing in an ongoing Pentecost where the Holy Spirit continues to teach us to open ourselves to the whole world TODAY. Already during their years here at DWC, students reach out to people in the surrounding area and around the country. The stories of Spring Break in this issue of DWC World give some good examples of how we are missionaries today.

Working with others. Our vision and task are enormous, but we don't work alone. We count first and always on the grace of God. That grace often comes through the efforts of many collaborators from around the country and world. In this 60th year of the College's presence in Epworth, we have celebrated with three congregations of women religious in Dubuque who have been especially generous with their friendship, their prayers and their practical support for the College. We are blessed as together with them we work to educate the world.

For centuries, the Catholic Church has been one of the largest providers of education in the world, especially in areas where public education is under-funded. Catholic education of all kinds is based on long-standing commitments to universal access, human dignity, and integral development. DWC has a part in that splendid history.

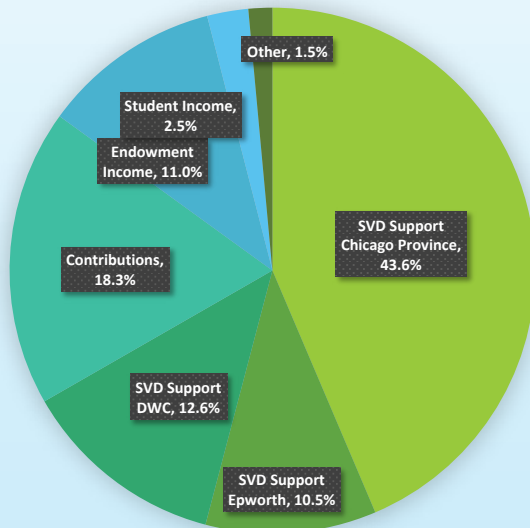


Sr. Paschaline Kengran Dzelimnyuy,
SST at St. Therese of the Child
Jesus Catholic Anglo-Saxon
Nursery and Primary School in
Nomayos, Cameroon where she
serves as headmistress.

PRESIDENT'S FINANCIAL REPORT

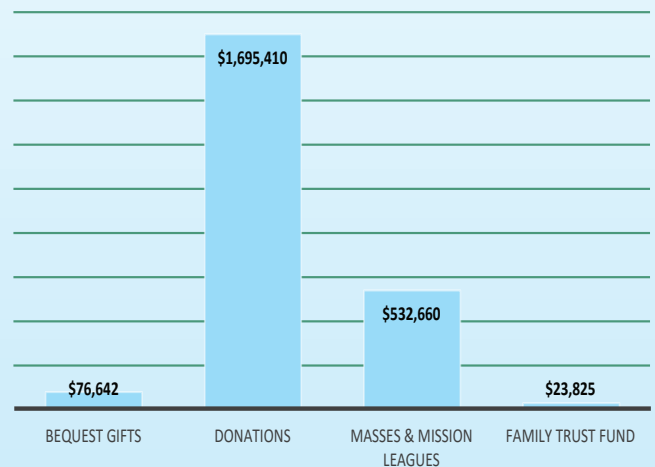


Divine Word College Income 2024 Fiscal Year



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| SVD Support Chicago Province | 43.6% |
| SVD Support Epworth | 10.5% |
| SVD Support DWC | 12.6% |
| Contributions | 18.3% |
| Endowment Income | 11.0% |
| Student Income | 2.5% |
| Other | 1.5% |

Benefactor Contributions 2024 Fiscal Year



Most Divine Word College students come from modest financial backgrounds, but no one who feels called to religious life is turned away due to lack of funds.

Last year, students received more than **\$1.63 million** in scholarship assistance.