

FAITH IN ACTION

Celebrating Collaboration, Service, and Reunion

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A proverb says, “One finger cannot lift a pebble.” Indeed, at Divine Word College, our mission has always been grounded in collaboration — between the Divine Word Missionaries and the laity, and especially with our alumni, who carry the spirit of the Society of the Divine Word into every corner of the world. This partnership is not only practical but also deeply spiritual, rooted in our shared calling to proclaim the Gospel and serve God’s people wherever we are.



A recent alumni survey revealed the many ways our graduates continue to live out this mission. They are lay leaders, deacons, religious, educators, healthcare professionals, and faithful disciples — embodying the missionary spirit in diverse settings. One particularly moving example is a team of four volunteers — three of them SVD alumni — who courageously traveled to war-torn Ukraine to teach English. In doing so, they offered not just education, but a ray of hope to people living amid fear and uncertainty. Their witness is a powerful testament to the strength of a community formed in faith and united in mission.

This summer, we also pause to honor two individuals whose quiet, steadfast service has deeply enriched our college. After 26 years of teaching, Dr. Ronald Condon, assistant professor of philosophy, is retiring — leaving behind a legacy of intellectual rigor and personal integrity. We also give thanks for Ms. Phyllis Urbain,



Development Office Secretary Phyllis Urbain and Dr. Ron Condon, now Assistant Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, celebrated their well-earned retirements together this spring.

who is retiring after 45 years of dedicated service in the Development Office. Their commitment reminds us that our mission thrives through the tireless efforts of many generous hands and hearts.

As we celebrate these legacies, we also look forward to our All-Alumni Reunion, taking place August 29–31 over Labor Day weekend. This special gathering is a time to reconnect with old friends, share stories, and renew the bonds that unite us. More importantly, it’s a chance to reflect on how we can continue supporting each other and advancing Christ’s mission in the world.

We warmly invite our alumni from DWC and all minor seminaries to come home to Divine Word College as we celebrate our shared journey, honor those who have served, and renew our commitment to building the Kingdom of God — together.

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August 29–31, 2025

ALL-ALUMNI REUNION WEEKEND

Divine Word College • Epworth, Iowa

***“Individually, we are one drop.
Together, we are an ocean.”***

– Ryunosuke Satoro