



CLASS OF

2025

In May, Divine Word College honored the graduating class of 2025. Dr. Ron Condon, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, received emeritus status and gave the commencement address. Sr. Ozioma Okpara, SST, served as valedictorian. As they step into the future, we pray these graduates carry their faith with purpose, strength, and a spirit of service.



DECEMBER 2024 GRADUATES



Sr. Jesca Lucy Alitubeera, IHMR
Entebbe, Uganda

**B.A. Theology & Mission and
B.A. Intercultural Studies**

- *What have you been up to since graduation?* I am teaching at an elementary school in Uganda.
- *What are you most excited about as you move forward?* What excites me most is putting what I've learned into practice while working at an elementary school. I use my English skills daily with the students, and I try to teach with love — a lesson I took to heart during my time at Divine Word College.



Vuong Minh Vu
Saigon, Vietnam

**B.A. Philosophy and B.A.
Intercultural Studies**

- *What have you been up to since graduation?* I am taking the next step in discerning God's call by joining the Divine Word Novitiate.
- *What is one lesson you learned at DWC that you will carry with you into the future?* At DWC, I learned that true leadership is rooted in service, cultural humility, and listening. Leading with compassion and collaboration across cultures is a lesson I will carry with me into every future mission and ministry.

MAY 2025 GRADUATES



Ladouceur Flarissaint
Petit-Goâve, Haiti

B.A. Philosophy

- *Plans after graduation?* I will study theology.

- *How has your time at DWC prepared you to serve people from*

diverse backgrounds? It has prepared me by immersing me in a multicultural community where I learned to value and respect different cultures, languages, and traditions. Through formation, academics, and ministry experiences, I developed the skills and sensitivity needed to serve with compassion and cultural awareness.



Sr. Nhi Thi Thao Nguyen, LHC-GV
Bien Hoa, Vietnam

B.A. Theology & Mission

- *Plans after graduation?* I will continue pursuing a master's in elementary education at the University of Saint Francis in Joliet, Illinois.

- *How has your time at DWC prepared you to serve people from diverse backgrounds?* My time at Divine Word College taught me to understand and serve people from different backgrounds with respect, kindness, and a strong sense of community.



Sr. Tram Thuy Thi Nguyen, MSC
Binh Thuan, Vietnam

B.A. Theology & Mission

- *Plans after graduation?* I will apply to another school for my master's degree.

- *How has your time at DWC*

prepared you to serve people from diverse backgrounds? Living at DWC was an excellent opportunity for me to gain a lot of experience. In the DWC environment, I encountered many people from around the world, learned, and adapted to many cultures. These experiences will be meaningful as I prepare for my future ministry.



Sr. Ozioma Maurine Okpara, SST
Kumba, Cameroon

**B.A. Philosophy and
B.A. Theology & Mission**

- *Plans after graduation?* I will return to my home country for active ministry.

- *What is one lesson you learned at DWC that you will carry with you into the future?* Diversity is not disunity. Rather, it brings a unique dynamism to every group. The good makes us appreciate our talents, and the bad serves as a reminder to never stop striving to grow.



Ae Pa You Paw
Saint Paul, Minnesota

B.A. Theology & Mission

- *Plans after graduation?* I will work at a Catholic elementary school and do ministry with the youth and children at my parish in Minnesota.

- *What is one lesson you learned at DWC that you will carry with you into the future?* One of the lessons I learned at DWC is that God's mission is our mission—so everyone is called to do a mission, whether as a religious missionary or as a lay missionary.



Sr. Nhung Hong Thi Tran, LHC-TD
Lam Dong, Vietnam

B.A. Theology & Mission

- *Plans after graduation?* I plan to pursue a master's degree in the U.S., either in early childhood education or pastoral theology.

- *What is one lesson you learned at DWC that you will carry with you into the future?* The lesson I'll carry from DWC is that when members treat each other as family, we create a welcoming environment where others feel at home, and I'll apply this approach in my future communities by working as a family member to build and strengthen the places where I live.

MAY 2025 GRADUATES



Fr. Julienord Clervil, ST
Port-au-Prince, Haiti

A.A. Intercultural Studies

- *Plans after graduation?* I will serve at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Georgia.

- *What is one lesson you learned at DWC that you will carry with you into the future?* We are all different because of our own stories. Everyone is trying to grow and become better in their own way. So, we cannot look at others the same way we look at ourselves because they have different experiences and struggles. To live and work together, we need to cultivate empathy.



Fr. Georges Mukangu Midiangu
Limete, Democratic Republic of Congo

A.A. Intercultural Studies

- *Plans after graduation?* I will begin employment with the Archdiocese of Dubuque.

- *How has your time at DWC prepared you to serve people from diverse backgrounds?* I had a rewarding experience at DWC, gaining knowledge and intercultural insights that will enhance my effectiveness as a missionary beyond my time here.



Frt. Nam Duy Nguyen, SVD
Dong Nai, Vietnam

A.A. Interdisciplinary Studies

- *Plans after graduation?* I am beginning a new chapter at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago to pursue a Master of Divinity.

- *What are you most excited about as you move forward?* I am completing a stage of my life journey to move forward to a new one. What makes me most excited is that I do not know what God is guiding me to do or where He is leading me to go, but I know I am always in His plan.



Kim Hoa Pham
Qui Nhon, Vietnam

A.A. Interdisciplinary Studies

- *Plans after graduation?* I'm heading to Mexico for a mission experience with Fr. Anthony Cong Nguyen, SVD, then off to Houston for my sister's

wedding. Finally, I'll go back to Vietnam to hug my grandma and reunite with extended family and friends — if they still remember me after eight years!

- *How has your time at DWC prepared you to serve people from diverse backgrounds?* DWC taught me that living in an intercultural community is like being part of a giant, crazy, wonderful family — you learn, you laugh, you sometimes get confused... but most of all, you grow in love, patience, and understanding.



Peter Mathias Brungardt
Atlanta, USA

Certificate of Pre-Theology

- *Plans after graduation?* I will work in the Atlanta area before applying to the SVD Novitiate.

- *What are you most excited about as you move forward?* I am most excited to share what I have learned and the cultural experiences I've gained at DWC, while continuing to prepare myself for my vocation.



Andrew Thanh-Quang Nguyen
Seattle, USA

Certificate of Pre-Theology

- *Plans after graduation?* I will go home and visit family and friends, visit Vietnam for the first time, and then go to the SVD Novitiate at Techny, if accepted.

- *How has your time at DWC prepared you to serve people from diverse backgrounds?* I have learned to serve other people. I need to be humble enough to be served by others and to be aware of how others are serving me every day.