

Teeing Up for Scholarships

Sunny skies and plenty of smiles set the stage for Divine Word College's 11th Annual Golf Outing at Timberline in July. Eighty golfers teamed up for a day of friendly competition, laughter, and shared purpose — raising \$18,500 for scholarships that help future missionaries answer their calling.

Thanks to all who participated!



Journey to Mission

Celebrating Formation Milestones



For many men in formation with the Society of the Divine Word, the journey begins at **Divine Word College**, where students grow academically, spiritually, and personally as they discern God's call. The foundation laid here supports each step that follows, and the fruits of that formation are evident as our alumni continue to reach remarkable milestones on their missionary journey. Recently, several men who began their formation at DWC celebrated significant moments in their progression toward priesthood and religious life.

This fall, **seven young men entered the SVD formation program at Divine Word College**. Six are new students, eager to begin their formation, while one previously studied here as a lay student and has now embraced the call to pursue religious life with the Society of the Divine Word.

In July, **four men who once studied at DWC professed their first vows** as Divine Word Missionaries. They have since moved to the formation house in Chicago, where they are beginning their theological studies and continuing to deepen their discernment and commitment.

On September 20, at **St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Wheeling, Illinois**, **eight men — most of whom began their formation at DWC — professed**

perpetual vows with the Society of the Divine Word. Among them, one professed vows as a religious brother, completing his formal formation. The other seven men on the path to priesthood will next be ordained as deacons, the final step before priestly ordination, scheduled for May.

These milestones are powerful reminders of the dedication, courage, and faith it takes to follow God's call. Please keep these men — and all who are discerning a vocation — in your prayers as they continue to grow in faith, respond generously to God's call, and prepare to serve the Church as missionaries.