



CLASS OF 2026

In May, Divine Word College honored the graduating class of 2026. Archbishop of Dubuque Thomas Zinkula delivered the commencement address, and SVD candidate Angel Rodriguez Fuentes served as valedictorian. Centered on the theme “Go and Make Disciples,” the celebration sent graduates forward to share their faith through lives of service, compassion, and missionary witness.

DECEMBER 2025 GRADUATES



Bro. Quoc Bao Le, OCist
Khanh Hoa, Vietnam
B.A. Philosophy
Plans after graduation: Continue my studies in an M.Div. and theology program at a university where I have secured a full scholarship for approximately three and a half years or longer.
• How has your time at DWC prepared you to serve people from diverse backgrounds? I learned how to work and collaborate with students from different countries and cultures. I have come to understand that respect is essential in becoming a good missionary. The environment at DWC also helped me become an effective listener, especially through communication and intercultural classes, along with my studies in philosophy and theology. These experiences will be valuable in my future ministry.



Sr. Comfort Nguoyongo, SON
Makurdi, Nigeria
B.A. Intercultural Studies and B.A. Theology & Mission
• Plans after graduation: I moved to Pennsylvania to begin my OPT experience.
• How has your time at DWC prepared you to serve people from diverse backgrounds? I struggled at first with the weather, food, and living with people from different nationalities, but as time went by, the people who were once strangers to me became part of what I call family, and the place I lived at, Megan Hall, became a home.



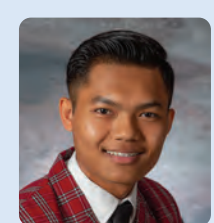
Sr. Van Hong Thi Nguyen, MQP
Ban Me Thuot City, Vietnam
B.A. Intercultural Studies
• Plans after graduation: I will earn a Master’s in Spiritual Direction from Loyola University in Chicago.
• How has your time at DWC prepared you to serve people from diverse backgrounds? DWC has opened my eyes and mind to differences in culture, background, perspective, and mission. In the future, as I engage in ministry and encounter people from diverse backgrounds, this value prepares me to appreciate others for who they are without judgment.



Sr. Xuan Thi Nguyen, MQP
Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
B.A. Theology & Mission
• Plans after graduation: I plan to continue my studies, trusting in God’s guidance for my next steps.
• How has your time at DWC prepared you to serve people from diverse backgrounds? My time at DWC helped me grow in openness — learning to listen, understand different cultures, and walk with others in faith. This formation has shaped not only my mind, but also my heart, preparing me for future mission. My years at Divine Word College have become a solid foundation for my vocation and for building bridges, between God, others, and myself. I am truly grateful for all that DWC has done for me.



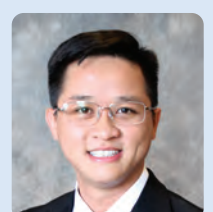
Sr. Anh Nguyet Thi Pham, LHC
Bao Loc, Vietnam
B.A. Theology & Mission
• Plans after graduation: I will pursue further education.
• How has your time at DWC prepared you to serve people from diverse backgrounds? My time at DWC has helped me grow in listening, adapting, empathizing, sharing, respecting, and serving within diverse communities and cultures.



Mr. Do Kim Tuang
Kalay, Myanmar
B.A. Philosophy
• Plans after graduation: I find myself standing at a meaningful threshold, shaped by grace, struggle, growth, and countless quiet transformations. My next steps are simple but profound: I will return home, spend time with my family, continue my studies, and, if God wills, enter the seminary for the Diocese of Tulsa.
• What are you most excited about as you move forward? Formation is not meant to be stored away — it must be lived. I feel a deep joy and anticipation about encountering God in new, unexpected ways: in the people I will meet, the communities I will join, and the challenges that will stretch me beyond myself. I trust that God will surprise me, as He always does.



Sr. Yolette Dorce, SSps
Petion-Ville, Haiti
A.A. Theology & Mission
• Plans after graduation: As a religious sister, my next step depends on where I am asked to go and serve. It may be further study, joining another program, or starting work in a mission. I pray to the Holy Spirit about that, and I am ready to go wherever I am sent.
• How has your time at DWC prepared you to serve people from diverse backgrounds? I met people from many cultures and traditions. Those people taught me about listening with respect, understanding differences, and working together even when we see things differently. It taught me that kindness, empathy, and patience are the most effective ways to connect with others.



Frt. Cong Van Nguyen, SVD
Nghe An Province, Vietnam
A.A. Interdisciplinary Studies
• Plans after graduation: I will continue my studies at the Catholic Theological Union and my formation at the SVD Theologate in Chicago.
• What are you most excited about as you move forward? I’m excited to deepen my vocation, strengthen my faith, discover new knowledge, meet new communities, and continue developing as an SVD missionary.

MAY 2026 GRADUATES



Sr. Monica Wanjiru Kabiru, SE
Nairobi, Kenya
B.A. Theology & Mission
• Plans after graduation: I will pursue further studies.
• What are you most excited about as you move forward? I am excited to step into the future with confidence, empowered holistically by the experiences and opportunities I’ve had, and ready to give back to the community.



Sr. Marietha J. Kimaro, OSS
Kilimanjaro, Tanzania
B.A. Theology & Mission
• Plans after graduation: Further study and work.
• What are you most excited about as you move forward? That my missionary vocation has been strengthened academically and spiritually, to the point where I am now able to put it into practice.

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Mr. Angel Rodriguez Fuentes
Baytown, Texas

B.A. Philosophy

• *Plans after graduation:* Continue my discernment process in the novitiate program with the Divine

Word Missionaries.

• *What is one lesson you learned at DWC that you will carry with you into the future?* Mission can extend to anything as long as we do it out of love for others.



Sr. Yvette Muyere Shey, SST
Kumba, Cameroon

B.A. Theology & Mission

• *Plans after graduation:* I will return to my country, Cameroon.

• *What is one lesson you learned at DWC that you will carry with you into the future?* That mission is not about shaping people into our image but creating space for God to reveal Himself through their uniqueness. To serve with compassion and cultural sensitivity, because when we judge people, we have no room left to love them.



Sr. Thuong Thi Pham, LHC
Nghe An, Vietnam

A.A. Theology & Mission

• *Plans after graduation:* I will continue to study at another school.

• *What is one lesson you learned at DWC that you will carry with you into the future?* For me, studying at DWC is not merely about earning a degree, but also about loving and understanding the world we inhabit in a deeper and more comprehensive way, through exposure to diverse cultures.



Mr. Tan Duy Trinh Nguyen
Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Certificate in Pre-Theology

• *Plans after graduation:* I plan to pursue further studies.

• *How has your time at DWC prepared you to serve people from diverse backgrounds?* I feel it has been very meaningful and helpful for my personal training and formation.



Mr. Truong Van Nguyen
Thanh Hoa, Vietnam

Certificate in Pre-Theology

• *Plans after graduation:* I will go to Techny for one year of Novitiate.

• *How has your time at DWC prepared you to serve people from diverse backgrounds?* At the college, I have had the opportunity to live with people from different countries, which is a valuable experience for my future missionary journey.



Mr. Joseph Quang Trung Vu
Roseville, California

Certificate in Pre-Theology

• *Plans after graduation:* I will continue to discern God's call in my life.

• *What is one lesson you learned at DWC that you will carry with you into the future?* That despite coming from different backgrounds, we are all one in Christ.

Congrats