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THE PRESIDENT

Fr. Tom Ascheman, SVD

Mission means “Everybody”

Fr. John Musinsky SVD, from the USA, served as the seventh Superior General of the Society of the Divine Word from 1967 until 1977. It was a time of tremendous change in the Church and in the Society, especially in the years immediately following the Second Vatican Council. Two of his successors as Superior General considered Fr. John to be the most significant General after St. Arnold Janssen, the founder and first Superior General. That is high, high praise.

When Fr. Musinsky completed his term as Superior General, he went to serve at the SVD Renewal Center at Nemi, Italy, where he worked as a spiritual director for more than 25 years. His humility and generous inclusion of confreres from all over the world did enormous good for the Society.



Can Everybody be Saved? After a meal at the renewal center, it was customary to go on a stroll with a companion on the grounds, or into the town. Many times, I took advantage of that luxury when visiting Nemi to lead seminars on missionary outreach. On our walks, Fr. John always had a question for me, and it was always the same question. **“Can everybody be saved? What do the theologians say?”** I responded the same way each time: **“We don’t KNOW if everybody will be saved, but we can PRAY that everyone will be saved.”**

Fr. John, then in his early 80s, seemed happy with the answer, but at the next visit we would walk and have the same conversation. “Can everybody be saved?” I mentioned to him that we had had a similar conversation many times before. He responded that it didn’t bother him; he liked

hearing the answer. So, I told him that I was going to bring him a CRS cap. He asked what “CRS” would stand for. I told him that, for most people, it means “Catholic Relief Services,” but for him it would mean “Can’t Remember Stuff.” (I may have used a different word for the “S”.) Fr. John laughed, and said I should bring two caps, because he would certainly forget where he left the first one!

Fr. John’s forgetful inquiries left a deep impression on me. He was in the final years of his life, but he never misplaced his deep desires. What he cared about—what he even worried about—was this: CAN EVERYBODY BE SAVED? That is truly a missionary heart! We are constantly urged forward because we care about everyone.

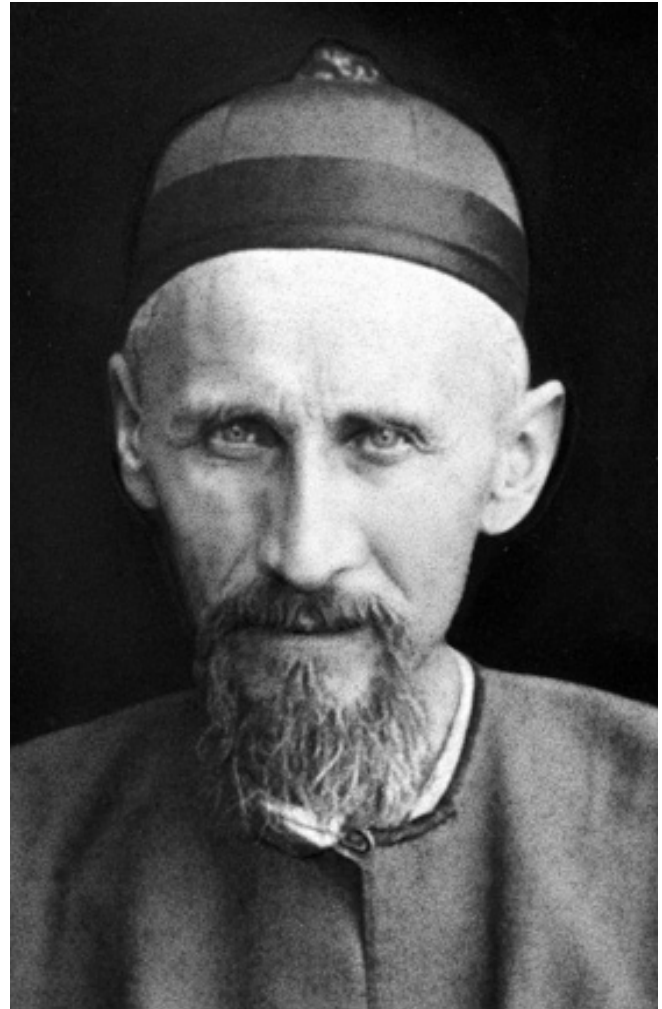
CCC 851 Missionary motivation. It is from God's love for all men that the Church in every age receives both the obligation and the vigor of her missionary dynamism, "for the love of Christ urges us on" (2 Cor 5:14), Indeed, God "desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1Tim 2:4) ... Because she believes in God's universal plan of salvation, the Church must be missionary.

CCC 1058: The Church prays that no one should be lost: ... God “desires all men to be saved” (1 Tim 2:4), and that for him “all things are possible” (Mt 19:26).

As I consider our life here at Divine Word College, I am sometimes saddened at the sight of someone seated in the dining room all alone. Meanwhile, others pass the table by, crowding in with well-known friends or classmates. At other moments, I am heartened to see someone move from one table to another to give company to an unknown visitor or to someone struggling with language.

Making room for everybody. Here is my personal list of favorite missionary heroes who always seemed to make room for everybody:

- St. Paul with the Gentiles;
- St. Patrick returning to evangelize his former enslavers;



- St. Francis of Assisi with Muslims during the Fifth Crusade;
- St. Francis Xavier reaching out to Indians, Indonesians, and Japanese;
- St. Thérèse of Lisieux with a simple heart praying for everyone, everywhere;
- St. Joseph Freinademetz who wanted to be Chinese in heaven;
- St. Theresa of Calcutta accompanying dying and marginalized people.

The author, James Joyce is often associated with the phrase “**Here Comes Everybody**,” which has subsequently been connected with the idea that “Catholic” (Greek for “Universal”) means making room for everybody. No matter the attribution, it makes a wonderful missionary question:

Who do you include in your everybody?

The First of Seventy Septembers

As the Paraclete Province of the Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters celebrates 125 years of service in North America, we can look back with pride and gratitude for their work. Their largest ministry has been in education, especially with the poor and with ethnic minorities. The following excerpts tell the story of the first sustained effort to found a school for African Americans in Vicksburg, MS in 1906. The text is borrowed from Mary E. Bests' book, *Seventy Septembers*, which documents seventy years of primary school work in the Southern United States. Today, the SSsP continue operating schools in the Caribbean.



It was the evening of September 17, 1906. In Chicago, Illinois, four Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters, immaculate in their cream-colored veils and sky-blue habits, almost concealed under a long, heavy mantle of darker blue, boarded the Illinois Central train bound for Vicksburg, Mississippi. They were going to Vicksburg to open a Catholic elementary school for black (children), the only one of its kind in an area of over 27,000 square miles.

Certainly, the schools were needed. The Catholic Church in Mississippi was conducting only five elementary schools for blacks with a total enrollment of 250 pupils. The state's record wasn't much better. It was spending an average of \$4.56 a year for each black child in school, and political leaders in Mississippi were saying that even that was a waste. The Jackson Clarion-Ledger quoted Governor James K. Vardaman on July 30, 1903:

"When I speak of educating the people, I mean the white people. The Negro is necessary in the economy of the world, but designed for a burden bearer. Then why squander money on his education when the only effect is to spoil a good field hand and make an insolent cook?"

Once outside the Chicago city limits, the train picked up speed. Lush cornfields came into view, were replaced by inviting farms and apple-laden orchards that bowed in turn to fields of grain and cattle grazing on the prairie grasses.

The directress for the school, **Sister Maria Heinemann**, 24, sat quietly, statue-like in the high-back seat of the coach, absentmindedly fingering her gleaming, new profession crucifix which hung from a narrow red ribbon just visible below her white starched collar. She had been the community's first American vocation and was the only one of the four who was an American citizen.

Sister Bertranda Berning, the superior of the new mission, was a native of Essen and was one of seven sisters who had come to the United States from Steyl in 1903. Although she had studied English for several years, she had continual difficulty with the language, often mixing English and German in the same sentence, adding umlauts to English diphthongs so that they were almost unrecognizable... Sister Leonarda (the superior of the US Holy Spirit Sisters) hoped the short, chubby sister's lovable disposition would offset her language difficulties. So good-natured was she that even when she was serious, her face seemed poised for a laugh.

The third sister was **Sister Alexia Gerhards**, who had been one of the first sisters to come to the United States with Sister Leonarda. The two sisters had graduated from a four-year Teachers' Training School at the mother house in Steyl. After coming to the United States, they had lived for a time with the Franciscan Sisters in Joliet, Illinois, and the *Dominican Sisters in Sinsinawa, Wisconsin*, to become more acquainted with American culture and perfect their English.

The fourth sister was **Sister Sebastiana Saar** who was in the USA less than a year. She was to be the



Sister Bertranda SSsP, Fr. Aloysius Heick SVD, and class. 1913

cook and homemaker for the small community and was excited about learning how to cook the Southern dishes she had heard so much about. A parishioner in Vicksburg had promised to be her teacher.

The afternoon sun was already low in the sky when the train bearing the sisters pulled into the Vicksburg station at Holly Street and ground to a stop. **For seventy Septembers**, trains would pull into the Vicksburg station as well as other Mississippi stations, bringing Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters who were dedicated to the education and spiritual development of black people. They would carry out their work quietly in the climate of a political system they did not fully understand or approve...

US Constitution & Citizenship Day

On or near September 17, Constitution and Citizenship Day, schools that receive Federal money remind their communities about the Constitution and Citizenship.

Constitution – Shared Governance – On September 17, 1787 the delegates to the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, signed the US Constitution that has served as a foundation document for the United States of America. In honor of that historic day and the agreements that constituted a new way of shared governance, a small but important annual observance is held. It is notable that after 239

years *the US Constitution is the oldest and shortest written constitution of any major government in the world.*

War Powers - In this time of international upset and echoes of war on many sides, it might be good to remember that the power to make war is not completely in the president's hands. His leadership in times of war is balanced by the power of the Congress.

- Article II, section 2 states: The President shall be Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States, and of the Militia of the several States....
- Article I, section 8 states: "The Congress shall have Power to declare War... to raise and support Armies, to provide and maintain a Navy, and to make rules for the Government and Regulation of the land and naval Forces.

Favorite Amendments - The US Constitution has been amended 27 times in the past 230 years. I've heard some news commentators ask their guests about their "favorite" amendments. Here are three of mine: the 13th Amendment (1865) abolished slavery; the 1st Amendment (1791) guarantees freedom of religion, speech and the press; the 19th Amendment (1920) guaranteed the voting rights of women.

New Citizens. Two members of our community completed the process of becoming US citizens. Our alumnus Mr. Leo Do Kim Tuang, on August 21, and Fr. Sonny DeClass on February 20, took the oath of citizenship. **Congratulations! Vote!**



Fr. Sonny De Class



Leo Do Kim Tuang



Epworth United Methodist Church's 175th Anniversary

All are welcome to attend our 4-day celebration. There is something for all ages to enjoy. Please visit our website or Facebook page for more details.

Thursday, October 8 - Mission Night from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM.

Friday, October 9 - Movie and Game Night from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM.

Saturday, October 10 - Open House from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM, then Trivia Night at 6:00 PM.

Sunday, October 11 - Worship Service - 9:00 AM.



VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Dr. Joshua Young

The Learning Cycle: Recall with Speculation

The third stage of the Learning Cycle, according to Muriel and Duane Elmer is recalling with speculation, or with imagination. This is the space where learners dream of what is possible. But speculation goes farther than what is possible. Speculation asks learners to find spaces where the impossibly possible and the possibly impossible flirt with each other. There is little restriction to our speculating other than the limits of our imagination. Connecting this to the context of the College, we are often limited by our own individual thinking (I couldn't possibly imagine something like that) and our collectivistic thinking (we would never allow something like that).

However, advocates for social justice, like missionaries, often work at deconstructing structures, otherwise our shared and agreed knowledge, in order to find new meanings and new understandings. It's like trying to stand on the carpet while you're simultaneously ripping it out and laying it down... can you imagine...

Faculty were provided a copy of The Learning Cycle at the 2026-2027 Faculty Institute and will be discussing it at the Fall Faculty In-Service.

DWC to Host the Iowa Communication Association Conference: What You Need to Know

Divine Word College will host the [Iowa Communication Association Conference](#) **Friday, September 25 to Saturday, September 26, 2026.**

The Iowa Communication Association is the professional organization of communication educators, practitioners, and students to gather, collaborate, and work together to address concerns about communication practice and training. This year, the conference organizers chose the theme of Silence and will be exploring how those in power use it to silence the marginalized and how silence can be a form of power. Because there will be more people on campus and visitors will need accommodating, the College community needs to know what's happening.

Participants in the conference will be on campus from 8 am on September 25 until 5 pm. They will be using Room 107, The Academic Resource Center (Room 10) and the Board Room. **On September 26, participants will be on campus from 8 am until noon,** using Rooms 101, 102, and 103. A short departure gathering of the association members will occur at the end of the conference and be held in 107 or in the courtyard. Participants will be coming

from around the United States, including Nebraska, South Dakota, Minnesota, Illinois, and Iowa. The association has contracted with area hotels in Dubuque for housing, but this means a majority of conference participants may be driving and need to park on campus. Please try to make room for our visitors by parking a little farther from entrances, including moving your vehicle to Megan Hall or another suitable location.

Participants will also be having lunch on campus on **Friday, September 25**. They will have their lunch, business meeting, and workshop **from 12 pm to 3 pm** in the dining room. Faculty, Staff, and Students are asked to make scheduling adjustments accordingly to extend our community hospitality to the Iowa Communication Association members. For those unable to eat before noon, **Association members will eat from 12 pm - 1 pm** with their meeting starting at 1pm and understand DWC community members may still be eating up until **12:30 pm**. You are welcome to

eat in the dining room while everyone finishes their meal. The Association leaders know that lunch clean up will happen at the end of food service. They ask that students try to limit interruption during the lunch clean-up/business meeting portion but also understand the need for the community to continue activities as much as normal.

How can you help beyond this? Be a good ambassador and reach out in friendship. None of these people coming have been to Divine Word College. They may have difficulty finding rooms. Reach out, introduce yourself, ask if they need any help finding something. Some conference participants may need a break and find spots in the gallery, the lunch room, or student lounge to rest and seek fellowship. Strike up a conversation! Don't be afraid, they're communication people, they like to communicate! Thank you, all, for your help hosting the 2026 Iowa Communication Association Conference. Community members can browse the [conference program](#) for more information.

ASSESSMENT LOOP

Ms. Kimberly Burnett-Hackbarth

Rounds 1-4: Faculty Evaluations of Spring 2026 Collection (Assessed Fall 2026)

Instructor	Assignment/Class	Faculty Evaluator				Assessed PLOs
		Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	
Dr. Joshua Young	ICS 111 Intercultural Communications	Bro. Brian McLaughlin	Dr. Joe Cherny	Dr. Evelyn Dias	Fr. Sam Cunningham	BA ICS 3

Dates for Assessment Rounds

Round 3: September 15 to September 21
Round 4: September 22 to September 28

Login for OAP

The login link for OAP is as follows:
<https://www.watermarkinsights.com/client-resources/signon/>
You might have to click "log in" twice.

Evaluation Periods

Open from Tuesday 8:00 A.M. to the following Monday 8:00 P.M.

Get Support Here

Watermark Support Contacts:
support@watermarkinsights.com
Customer Service Hotline: **1-800-311-5656**
Please do not hesitate to call or email me if you have any questions or concerns Ext. 274. Good luck to you all, and thank you so much for your continued efforts!



VICE PRESIDENT FOR FORMATION/DEAN OF STUDENTS

Fr. Tuan Hoang, SVD

Flu Vaccination

Just a reminder that the Walmart Pharmacy team will be on campus this **Thursday, September 17, 2026**, to provide flu and COVID-19 vaccinations. Vaccinations will take place in the gym from **11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** for those who have signed up.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the vaccinations, please contact me or Ms. Sara Goedken.



Peace Vespers

In the midst of the conflicts and uncertainties we see in our world today, we are reminded of our Christian call to be people of hope and peace. As Christians, we trust that God is continually at work bringing healing, reconciliation, and peace to our world.

This Sunday, September 20, 2026, we will gather in **the Main Chapel at 7:30 p.m.** for Peace Vespers. This special vespers will focus on praying for peace throughout the world, within our communities, and in our own hearts.

Br. Brian McLaughlin, DWC's Coordinator for Justice, Peace, and Reconciliation, will lead the service and offer a reflection for the community. A social will be held afterwards.

All are welcome to join for this meaningful time of prayer, reflection, and solidarity as we pray for peace and reconciliation.

DWC International Food Festival

World Mission Sunday is one of Divine Word College's main celebrations held each year. This year, the celebration will take place on **Sunday, October 18, 2026**. Family members, friends, alumni, and visitors from neighboring communities will gather to celebrate the liturgy, enjoy cultural performances, and experience food from around the world.

As part of the celebration, the college is seeking at least 40 dishes for the International Food Festival, which will follow the World Mission Sunday liturgy. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board, and we encourage everyone to participate by preparing a dish representative of your culture or country.

Please sign up as soon as possible so that ingredients can be purchased and preparations can be coordinated. The deadline to sign up is **Monday, September 28, 2026**. If you have already sign up to prepare a dish, please email Sr. Aprilia Untarto, SSps the ingredients that you need as soon as you can so that she can organize the shopping list. The last day to email Sr. Aprilia the ingredients will be **Friday, October 2, 2026**.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

9/15/2026.....	12:45 PM.....	Departmental Meetings
9/16/2026.....	7:30 PM.....	Formation Group Meeting
9/17/2026.....	9:30 AM.....	Board of Administration Meeting
9/17/2026.....	12:45 PM.....	Faculty, Student Life Committee
9/17/2026.....	12:45 PM.....	IELI Meeting
9/17/2026.....	5:00 PM.....	Formation Group Meeting - Sisters
9/18/2026.....	8:00 AM.....	Ordinary Weekday -LC Mass
9/18/2026.....	ESL Term A Withdrawl Deadline	
9/19/2026.....	SVD Perpetual Vows in Chicago	
9/20/2026.....	10:00 AM.....	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9/20/2026.....	7:30 PM.....	Peace Vespers and Social
9/21/2026.....	8:00 AM.....	Holy Spirit Mass - LC
9/21/2026.....	7:30 PM.....	Holy Hour
9/22/2026.....	12:45 PM.....	Chairs Council
9/22/2026.....	5:30 PM.....	Formation Staff Meeting
9/23/2026.....	7:30 PM.....	Formation Group Meeting
9/24/2026.....	12:45 PM.....	IAC Meeting
9/24/2026.....	5:00 PM.....	Formation Group Meeting - Sisters
9/25/2026.....	8:00 AM.....	Ordinary Weekday - LC Mass
9/25/2026.....	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM...	IAC Conference
9/26/2026.....	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM..	IAC Conference
9/27/2026.....	10:00 AM.....	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9/27/2026.....	7:30 PM.....	Vespers
9/28/2026.....	7:30 PM.....	Holy Hour
9/29/2026.....	8:00 AM.....	Mass for Vocations - LC
9/29/2026.....	12:45 PM.....	Faculty Senate



VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADMISSIONS

Len Uhal

International Student Event - Thursday, Sept. 17, 2026

Spotlighting international students, The Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque is hosting a gathering for college students that includes free food and music by the river on Thursday, September 17, 2026. The event takes place at the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium and is supported by all of the local colleges and universities, including Divine Word College. Attached to this issue of *The Log* is an invitation for the event with all the details.

A sign-up sheet is on the Student Bulletin Board for those students interested in attending. We need to have a final count by Tuesday, September 15.

Please register to attend the event by putting your name on the list so that we can arrange transportation for everyone who wants to participate. Thank you!

Knights of Columbus Scholarships available for SVD Candidates

From time to time, different Knights of Columbus Councils offer \$500 scholarships to SVD candidates studying at Divine Word College. These scholarships are available to both domestic and international SVD candidates. If you want to be considered this academic year for one of these scholarships when they become available, please contact Len Uhal, Carolyn Waechter or Patti McDermott in the Admissions Office for a copy of the application. All SVD candidates who complete applications now at the beginning of this academic year will be considered for KC scholarships when they become available later in the year.

You can also find a copy of the application at the end of today's *The Log*. WE RECOMMEND ALL SVD CANDIDATES COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION! Please do so by Friday, September 25. Thank you.



MUSIC BY DJ PAPI + FOOD TRUCKS + RIVER MUSEUM AFTER HOURS

Community of Colleges Kickoff: Celebrating Our Worldwide Connections Thursday, September 17, 6–8 p.m.

National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium Boatyard
350 East 3rd St, Dubuque



YOU can be great here.

COMMUNITY OF COLLEGES

RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 16

To RSVP and for details on transportation to the event, contact your international student office.



VICE PRESIDENT FOR OPERATIONS

Steve Winger

Move More, Sit Less: A Friendly Reminder

As the semester settles into its routine, many of us find ourselves spending hours at our desks, attending meetings, answering emails, grading assignments, or working on projects. The days can fill up quickly, and before we know it, we've been sitting in the same chair for far longer than we intended.

Here's a simple reminder: *your body was made to move.*

Health experts continue to find that spending too much time sitting can have negative effects on our health. Prolonged sitting has been linked to an increased risk of heart disease, Type 2 diabetes, obesity, and other chronic health concerns. The good news is that small amounts of movement throughout the day can make a meaningful difference.

A few easy habits to consider:

- Stand up and stretch every 20 to 30 minutes.
- Take your scheduled breaks and lunch period whenever possible.
- Walk down the hall to visit a colleague instead of sending an email.
- Take a quick lap around campus between tasks.
- Give your eyes a rest by looking away from your screen periodically.
- Use the stairs when practical.

You don't need a gym membership or a marathon training plan to benefit. A short walk, a few stretches, or simply standing up and moving around for a couple of minutes can help improve circulation, reduce stiffness, boost energy, and improve focus.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention offers a simple message: "Move more, sit less." Even modest amounts of movement during the day contribute to better health. [\[cdc.gov\]](https://www.cdc.gov)

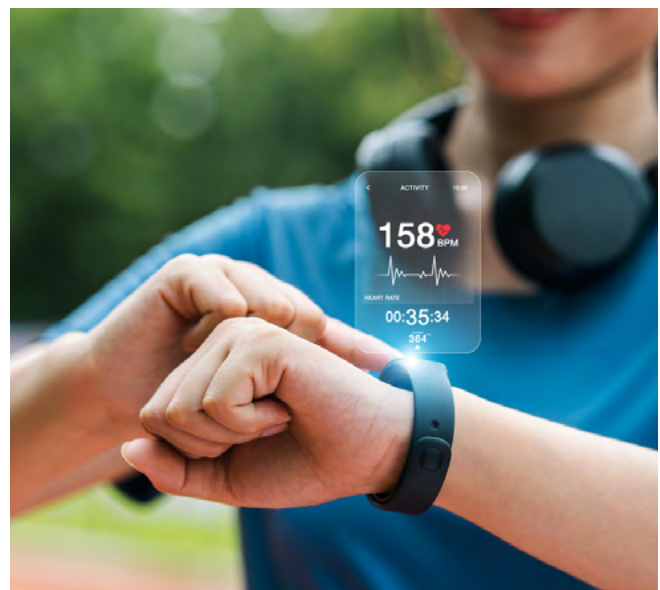
At Divine Word College, we spend our days serving students, supporting one another, and advancing our mission. Taking a few minutes to care for our own well-being helps ensure we can continue doing that work effectively.

So, before you tackle the next item on your to-do list, consider standing up, stretching, or taking a brief walk. Sometimes the most productive thing we can do is take a short break.

Have a great week, and don't forget to get up and move!

Learn More Here

- World Health Organization (WHO), Physical Activity Fact Sheet (June 26, 2024)
[WHO Physical Activity Fact Sheet \[who.int\]](https://www.who.int)
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Adult Activity: An Overview (December 20, 2023)
[CDC Physical Activity Guidelines \[cdc.gov\]](https://www.cdc.gov)
- Mayo Clinic, Sitting Risks: How Harmful Is Too Much Sitting? (March 25, 2025)
[Mayo Clinic Sitting Risks \[mayoclinic.org\]](https://www.mayoclinic.org)



CAMPUS READS

Tattoos on the Heart

by Gregory Boyle

Fall 2026 Book Selection

Join us for 3 opportunities to explore "Tattoos on the Heart," a collection of essays by a Jesuit priest detailing his ministry with gang members in Los Angeles. This is a book about kinship, compassion, hope and the power of community.

EVENT 1

Introduction & Short Video

📅 **Friday, Oct. 2**

🕒 11:45 AM

📍 The Pour House

EVENT 2

Book Discussion

📅 **Friday, Oct. 30**

🕒 11:45 AM

📍 The Pour House

EVENT 3

Author Talk or Documentary

Pre-recorded video

📅 **Friday, Nov. 20**

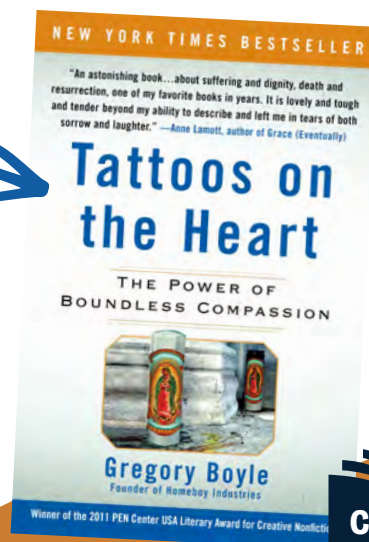
🕒 11:45 AM

📍 The Pour House

All are welcome!

Read a little or a lot!

Pick up your copy of the book in the library or listen to the audiobook!



**Campus
Reads**

MUSIC BY DJ PAPI + FOOD TRUCKS + RIVER MUSEUM AFTER HOURS

Community of Colleges Kickoff: Celebrating Our Worldwide Connections

YOU can be great here.

COMMUNITY OF COLLEGES

Events to connect college students to the Greater
Dubuque region

Thursday,
September 17

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

National Mississippi River
Museum & Aquarium Boatyard
350 East 3rd St, Dubuque

Kick off the school year with fellow college students from across the region and around the world spotlighting our international students. Enjoy a complimentary food truck meal from **Hot Diggity Dogz**, **Adobos Mexican Grill**, or **Hibachi Time** while **DJ Papi spins tunes** in the boatyard plus special access to the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium after hours.

Questions? Contact: **Mandi Dolson**
Greater Dubuque Development
Director of Workforce Solutions
mandid@greaterdubuque.org | 563-557-9049

Participating Schools:



RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 16

To RSVP and for details on transportation to the event, contact your international student office.

Community of Colleges events are **FREE** and open to currently enrolled area college students.

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Knights of Columbus Scholarship Application

From time to time, different Knights of Columbus Councils around the country offer financial scholarships to SVD Candidates at Divine Word College. All SVD Candidates are eligible to apply for the scholarships and the funds go directly to the student from the KC Council and do not alter Divine Word College scholarships already in place.

To apply for a KC Scholarship, please provide the following information and you will be informed if you have been chosen to receive a KC Scholarship when the funds are available.

Student Name	
Academic Year (Standing; i.e., ESL/Freshman/etc.)	
City/State of Country of Residence	
Age	
Country of Origin	
If you were born outside of the USA, when did you arrive in the USA?	
Immigration Status (Please Circle)	U.S. Citizen Permanent Resident of the USA International Student Other: _____
When did you begin your studies at Divine Word College (month and year)?	
Are you receiving any other scholarships at Divine Word College? If so, please list them.	
Why did you come to the Divine Word College?	

How has Divine Word College helped you understand your vocation?	
Please list any leadership roles you have had at Divine Word College:	
What do you hope to do after graduating from Divine Word College?	

(If you need additional space, please use additional sheets of paper to explain your answers).

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** Asterisk denotes financial or event sponsorship*

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Dubuque Branch NAACP *
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Dubuque Coalition for Nonviolence (CNV) *
Dubuque County Historic Preservation Commission
Dubuque for Refugee Children
Dubuque Friends Worship Group
Dubuque Human Rights Commission
Dubuque Interfaith Green Coalition *
Dubuque Peace and Justice
Dubuque Rescue Mission
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Sisters of the Presentation *
Sisters of St. Francis *
Sisters of the Visitation *
St. Isidore Catholic Worker Community *
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Terry Stewart, St. Luke's United Methodist Church
Kathy Sutton, Dubuque Branch NAACP

About Us

Peace lies at the heart of each individual, all families, communities, territories, and nations. Peace is the dream we hope and strive for. It is possible to see a world turn from violent to nonviolent solutions within our lifetimes.



International Day of Peace

YOU'RE INVITED TO CELEBRATE

Dubuque's Festival Celebrating the United Nations International Day of Peace

SEPT
6-30

2026: Celebrating 250 years of HERstory

Creating a Culture of Peace

Dubuque's Festival Celebrating the UN International Day of Peace

www.facebook.com/dbqdayofpeace

25 August 2026

In 2026, our seventeenth year, Dubuque's Festival Celebrating the United Nations International Day of Peace will reflect on:

Portrayal of Mother Jones

**Monday, September 21,
7:00 - 8:30 pm, St. Joseph
Auditorium, Hoffmann Hall,
661-699 Loras Boulevard**



Our featured performer, Debra Ann Miller, will portray Mother Jones, once called "The Most Dangerous Woman in America". Mary G. Harris Jones, known as Mother Jones, will be portrayed in a riveting live performance by professional actress Debra Ann Miller. Jones was a fiery orator and fearless organizer for the Mine Workers during the first two decades of the 20th century. She helped coordinate major strikes, secure bans on child labor, and co-founded the trade union Industrial Workers of the World. Debra Ann Miller brings her to life in this entertaining and educational performance.

AND This is How we BBQ in DBQ

**Saturday, September 19, 11:30am-2:00pm,
Multicultural Family Center,
1157 Central Avenue.**

Hosted by the Multicultural Family Center and Dubuque Branch NAACP, a barbeque lunch will be served while Brian Hallstoos speaks about Sol Butler, an African-American Olympian at the 1920 Summer games, and Butler's mother and sister, who were also remarkable. Butler was a four-year starter for the football team at Dubuque German College (later the University of Dubuque).

Annual Land and Water Fest

**Sunday, September 20, 1:00pm-5:00pm,
Dubuque Arboretum, Packard Pavilion**

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Hosted by the Dubuque Area Land and Water Legacy, featuring speaker Bill McKibben, music by Bluegrass Express, Art by Christine Curry showcasing clean water advocates and honoring Iowa Nature Champions. We will also hear personal stories about "how I got connected to nature," hosted by the Dubuque Area Writers Guild. Contributions of \$15 per person or \$25 per couple requested at the gate, but no one will be turned away. Bring your own lawn chairs, blankets, and picnic baskets. Watch www.facebook.com/events/974338938997131 for updates.

All events are free unless noted.

- Sept. 6**, 6:00-7:00pm, [Annual Memorial for Nathaniel Morgan](#), Mount Carmel Bluffs, outside.
- Mid-Aug-Sept. 25**, [Imagine Peace Art Exhibit](#), Project Create Peace, an Ageless Art initiative, encourages people to use art to cultivate peace within themselves and the world around them.
- Sept. 15**, 6:30-8:00pm, [The World Will Be Saved by Beauty: Nurturing Peace Through the Arts](#), Shalom Spirituality Center, 1001 Davis St. Walk-in or RSVP at shalomretreats.org or 582-3592.
- Sept. 17**, 9:30am-2pm, [Community Plastic Mat Weaving](#), DACU at Immanuel UCC Church.
- Sept. 19**, 7:00-9:00pm, [Historic District Coffee House](#), Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Dubuque, 1699 Iowa Street, open mic.
- Sept. 20**, 12:00-1:00pm, [Know Your Power](#), UUFD, 1699 Iowa Street. A non-partisan civic education presentation by Erica Dubin-Barz, community engagement manager at the ACLU of Iowa.
- Sept. 20**, 2:00-3:00pm, [Black Life on the Upper Mississippi River](#), Sisters of the Presentation, 2360 Carter Rd. A screening of local Dale Campbell's documentary and a panel.
- Sept. 20**, 7:30pm, [Ecumenical Peace Vespers](#), Divine Word College, 102 Jacoby Dr, Epworth. In-person and at youtube.com/@DWCEpworth
- Sept. 22**, 5:30-6:30pm, [Bowl of Tears ritual](#), Riverfront Pavilion, 400 E. 3rd St. Dubuque. Dubuque Interfaith Green Coalition ritual regarding grief over environmental degradation.
- Sept. 22**, 6:00-8:00pm, Potluck 5:30 pm, [Church of the Oak: Fall Equinox](#), Sinsinawa Mound. Free will offering; no registration required. Please bring a chair, a dish to pass, your own dishware.
- Sept. 23**, 4:00-5:30pm, [Gun Violence Die-In](#), Washington Park. Street theater by the Coalition for Nonviolence depicting the 130 gun deaths every day in America.
- Sept. 26**, 2:00 & 7:00pm, [The Downfall of Justice](#), Carnegie-Stout Public Library. A play written in 1777 and Presented by the Fly By Night Players.
- Sept. 29**, 11:00am-2:00pm, [Swiss Valley Fall Festival](#), by Dubuque County Conservation.
- Sept. 29**, 4:00-6:00pm, [2026 Data Walk: A Look at Housing in the Dubuque Region](#), Community Foundation, Roshek Building. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/DataWalk2026>
- Oct. 3**, 8:00am-12:00pm, [Dubuque Area CROP Hunger Walk](#), Guided walks at 8, 9, 10 and 11 am organized by DACU, from Dubuque Food Pantry.
- Oct. 4**, 3:00-4:30pm, [Seasons of Creation Closing event](#), Shalom Spirituality Center, 1001 Davis St
- [Bowl of Tears ritual](#), 5:30pm, Bee Branch, 22nd St.