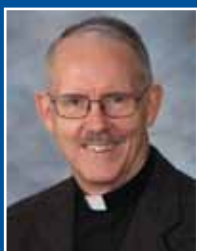


## A Word from the President:



Fr. Tom Ascherman, SVD

This year's graduates are impressive. Among them are talented musicians, fine thinkers, excellent organizers, and in general, people full of goodness and kindness who possess a strong sense of purpose. At commencement, we celebrated the next stage in their lives as they respond to the call of Jesus to share their God-given gifts with people across the globe.

Watching them, I couldn't help but feel like a parent who suffers an empty nest. I'm glad to see them take their next step, but my heart frets a little, questioning whether we should hold on to them for a little while longer. I wonder how Jesus felt when he sent out his disciples. He had prepared them for mission, spending time teaching and praying with them, and offering encouragement. That is what we try to do at Divine Word College.

There is some sadness watching such talented people leave but it will be followed in a few months with joy as our new and returning students reveal their goodness, kindness and God-given gifts, to share with us and later the world. So, life goes on at Divine Word College.

Fr. Tan



**Samuel Cherilus**

Haiti

- AA Intercultural Studies
- Future Plan: Pursue further studies



**Cruz Enrique Colunga**

Liberty, TX

- BA Philosophy
- Future Plan: Attend the SVD Novitiate at Techny



**Amarainy Espinosa**

St. Maarten, Dutch West Indies

- BA Theology & Religious Studies
- BA Intercultural Studies
- Future Plan: Continue education or return to Dutch West Indies



**Wilken Fevrier**

Port-au-Prince, Haiti

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- Future Plan: Attend the SVD Novitiate at Techny



**Youmarcks Jacques**

Cerca-La-Source, Haiti

- AA Intercultural Studies
- Future Plan: Pursue religious life

## Congratulation



**Brian Junkes**

West Palm Beach, FL

- BA Intercultural Studies
- Future Plan: Attend the SVD Novitiate at Techny



**Roger Kyaw Thu**

Kyun Taw, Myanmar

- AA Intercultural Studies
- Future Plan: Attend the SVD Novitiate at Techny



**Sr. Wanxia Paula Li, SSps**

Gansu, China

- BA Philosophy, BA Theology & Religious Studies
- Future Plan: Serve my community



**Manuel Murillo**

Riverside, California

- BA Philosophy
- Future Plan: Apply the values I have learned at DWC