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## THE PRESIDENT

### Constitution Day

These are tense times in the political life of the United States. Political pundits on television echo and amplify the sharp polarization of elected officials and of the public. When political insult overshadows political dialogue, when debate focuses on personalities rather than policy, when opponents are seen as political enemies rather than as fellow citizens, the health of the nation is at risk. In such times, a nation's constitution is more important than ever.



The US Constitution was agreed upon and signed by thirty-nine delegates on September 17, 1787. It begins with the words: "We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility... do establish this Constitution." The genius of the document is the system of checks and balances that prevents any single branch of government from accumulating too much power. The president (executive branch), the congress (legislative branch), and the justices (judicial system) keep one another in check. This is especially important when people cannot come to agreement, or in the case of abuse of power.

On Monday, the US Constitution Day, the first reading at Mass was from chapter 11 of St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. The situation Paul described reminds me of our current political difficulties. In Corinth there were factions fighting for preeminence; and the community was divided. There was disrespect for the poor, and while some were feasting, others were left with nothing.



Paul encouraged the community to return to the unity of the Eucharistic tradition handed on to them, the tradition Jesus had established at the last supper. Jesus gave his body for the Church; Jesus gave his blood as a new covenant for them. That is what still CONSTITUTES our gatherings as followers of Jesus. It is when we give ourselves away to one another, that the body and blood of Jesus serves as the Constitution for the Reign of God.



## R.I.P.

I will be traveling to California this week, along with several other members of the SVD community. We will attend the funeral services for Mr. Dominic Mien Viet Dinh, the father of Quang Duc Dinh SVD, the Chicago Province Superior and Chairman of the DWC Board of Trustees. Please remember Mr. Dinh and all of his family in your prayers.

## Donaghey Award for Outstanding Service



On Sunday, September 23, at the 10 AM Mass, Divine Word College will give the Donaghey award to Mr. Jim Theisen and his wife Marita. They are active parishioners at St. Columbkille Parish in Dubuque, and long-time friends and benefactors of the college for over 25 years.

Jim and Marita continue to be strong believers in the mission of Divine Word College and in our students. In 2013, when a stifling heat wave at the beginning of the school year caused the classrooms and dorm rooms to be very hot, Jim graciously donated 80 fans and 13 air conditioners to help cool the building and rooms. Jim and Marita were gracious sponsors of our Cardinal Timothy Dolan event in 2017 and their support helped many of our students and SVDs to attend the event.

## VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

### Faculty Professional Development

**Dr. Anton Jacobs**, Associate Professor of Sociology in the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies [DIS], has been granted professional development funding to attend an "author-meets-critics" session for Pierre Hegy's *Lay Spirituality: From Traditional to Postmodern* (Wipf & Stock, 2016) at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion + Religious Association annual meeting from 26-28 October 2018 in Las Vegas, NV.

## Fan Club Fun!



## VICE PRESIDENT FOR FORMATION DEAN OF STUDENTS

Many thanks to the formation group of **St. Theresa of the Child Jesus** for such great hospitality and a fantastic cultural dinner. Well done!

A reminder from **Bro. Mike Decker** that Tuesday, September 18 is the last day to sign up for receiving a Flu Shot. Flu Shots will be given on Tuesday, Sept. 25 in the Art Gallery from 11:30 am until 1:00 pm. When you come, please have your Medical Insurance Card with you. Students, your Medical Insurance Card will be coming this week for you. I will send you an e-mail when they come, so I can give to you in my office. If you have any questions, please see Bro. Mike.

Thursday, September 20th instead of having liturgy prep, there will be **Liturgical Education**, on the topic "Liturgical Year," presented by **Mr. Daniel Williams**. All students are required to attend in room 107 at 1:00 pm.

Saturday, September 22nd you are invited to participate in **planting small white crosses** in front of our college, coordinated by **Sue Lukasik, Tony Grebner and friends**. These white crosses represent the number of innocent babies being killed each day by abortion in the US. Please sign up on the sheet posted on the Student Bulletin Board. If you are interested, please gather in front of the college by **9:30 am**.

- Saturday, Sept. 22, 2:30 to 4:30 pm, the **Bridge English Café** at Emmaus Bible College invites you to join them in activities and games, practicing English with native-speakers. More information is provided on the Student Bulletin Board or contact Mrs. Paola Armfield.
- Saturday, Sept. 22, 12:00 to 2:00 pm, you are also invited to participate in "**Hiking to Help Refugees.**" It starts at Loras College and ends at Clarke University. For more information, contact Mr. Tomerot Lambert.

Sunday September 23rd is our annual celebration of the **Donaghey Award**. The recipients of the 2018 Donaghey Award for Outstanding Service to Divine Word College are **Jim and Marita Theisen**. We will honor them during the 10:00 am Mass and following luncheon. For more information, please contact **Mr. Mark Singsank**.





## VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADMISSIONS

### Welcome

The Vocation Office welcomes **Fr. Francis Rayappan, SVD**, to our team. Fr. Francis is from India and was ordained there in 2015. His first assignment was to the SVD Chicago Province and he began ministering at St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Wheeling, Illinois, in January 2016. After serving there for just over two years, Fr. Francis was assigned to the vocation office team. He returned to India for a few months this summer to visit his parents and older brother. He arrived yesterday here in Epworth and is eager to begin his new ministry. Welcome Fr. Francis!

### Where are they this week?

Both Fr. Emilio and Fr. Anthony returned to California to continue their ministry after having spent several weeks with us here in Epworth. We welcome Fr. Dennis Callan who is visiting and brought a Come and See visitor with him this week. While Bro. Duylinh is here at Epworth this week, Fr. Adam, Fr. Francis and Len will attend the Catholics on Call Conference at CTU in Chicago later this week.

## VICE PRESIDENT FOR OPERATIONS

### Safe Environment Training

Instructions for completing the new CMG-Safe Environment Training will appear in the LOG next week. We will email the instructions to the entire DWC community as well.

### Courtyard

You may see some activity in the courtyard this weekend as we have contracted with a person to make repairs to the brick planters. Repairs will take place this Saturday and Sunday. After the repairs are made, we plan to plant flowers for fall and spring.