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## THE PRESIDENT

### Remembering DWC Mission Sunday 2018

The Church was full to the rafters. Music and song swelled in the chapel. The guests were gathered in from the surrounding towns and from much farther afield – including some happy graduates and former students from Chicago and California. Dressed in colorful party apparel, we celebrated the mission that God gives us. It was a moment of beauty.

All of us treasure favorite memories of Mission Sunday. Here are a few of mine:

- When Fr. Soney Sebastian spoke about Jesus placing a young child in the midst of his ambitious disciples, I was watching the granddaughter of Mr. Len Uhal over in the side pews. I admired her shoes that twinkled as she walked. She almost got away to run across the sanctuary, but her mom was quick to capture her in a tight embrace. I wanted to see her dance in front of the altar!
- On the night before and on the morning of the celebration, the kitchen was jammed with workers. I delighted to see students work together across ethnic lines. That same thing impressed one of our California visitors, a 2005 graduate. "Wow!" he said. "Living here with men and women from all parts of the world, it's even more amazing than I remembered."
- The offertory dance was lovely. I especially noticed the graceful hands held high, swaying in synchronized gesture. Hands that were praising God in gentle movement had earlier praised God in peeling and chopping, and would later praise God in sweeping and washing.



Jesus was famous for comparing God's kingdom to a great feast (Lk 14, Mt 22). DWC had prepared an amazing feast with those gathered around the altar. Tongues that had been singing and praying in many languages were

now used for tasting the flavors of the world. Our annual DWC food-fest is just an appetizer for the great banquet that awaits the multitude of nations, tribes and peoples gathered home into God. It took many young (and not so young) missionaries to prepare the banquet at DWC. It is good practice for when we help to serve all of God's people at the end of time.



## Retreat

During the coming three weekends, the formation groups will be taking time for retreat. Some holy silence and quiet prayer will help balance the busy schedule of the past two months. Take time to enjoy a slower pace for a couple of days. We know that Jesus' mission is our mission; but Jesus also invited his apostles to join him in a place apart to rest and pray (Mk. 6:31).

## Board of Administration Meeting

The Board will meet on Wednesday, October 24. Agenda items include: follow-up from Trustee committee meetings, Drug Free Annual School Report, timeline on the budgeting process, review of the process for Employee Evaluations, and nominations for the Matthew 25 award.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Fr. Tom Ascheman at [tascheman@dwci.edu](mailto:tascheman@dwci.edu).

## VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

### Faculty Professional Development

**Dr. Ken Anich, SVD**, Professor of Counseling Psychology in the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies [DIS], has been granted professional development funding to participate in the annual conference of the American Counseling Association from 27-31 March 2019 in New Orleans, LA.

### Quick Hits

**Sabbatical Applications due 1 November 2018:** By way of reminder to all eligible faculty members, any sabbatical leave application requests for the AY 2019-2020 are due to the VP for Academic Affairs no later than Thursday 1 November 2018. The policies and procedures governing sabbatical leave are published in the Faculty Handbook #221. The application form may be found on the College website under [Faculty & Staff Forms > Application for Leave](#).

**Faculty In-Service Feedback Survey:** Thanks to all undergraduate and IELI faculty who participated in the October 2018 Faculty In-Service on Assessment. I hope you found the topic and the process helpful for improving teaching and learning at Divine Word College. Kindly take five minutes or so to respond to the short survey you received and provide your constructive feedback and comments by the end of the day on Friday 26 October 2018.

**SVD Adjunct Instructor for Spring 2019:** Brother Brian McLauchlin, SVD will be joining Divine Word College as an Adjunct Instructor for the Spring 2019 semester. He will offer one three-credit special topics course in the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies — ICS 475: Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Trauma and Healing.

## VICE PRESIDENT FOR FORMATION DEAN OF STUDENTS

- A heartfelt **Thank You** to all the chefs, cantors, musicians, lectors, sacristans, and all who have contributed significantly in different ways to make the World Mission Sunday Celebration so successful, meaningful and enjoyable. It was a great occasion for all Catholics worldwide, in particular for our community at DWC to recommit ourselves to the Church's missionary work.
- There is a **Vocational Mass** scheduled for Thursday, October 25th 2018, organized by the formation group of Romans, in praying for increase of religious vocation. In particular, let us join in praying for members of the Roman group as they discern God's call for their lives.
- The weekend October 26 to 28, both the formation group of Galatians and SVD Jr. group will have their annual retreat in East Troy, WI. Please keep them in your prayers so that they may deepen their relationships with God through prayer and experience God's presence in their lives.
- **"Eat, Drink and be Scary"** reminds us of the Halloween Day on Wednesday, October 31, 2018. As in the previous year, the Student Senate will organize this event. More information will be shared next week. Be prepared!

## VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADMISSIONS

### Knights of Columbus Scholarship

All SVD candidate students received an e-mail from Mr. Len Uhal last week notifying you that there is a KC Scholarship available. If you are interested in applying for the scholarship, please complete the application form that Len sent to you by e-mail. If you need a hard copy of the application, please see Len or Carolyn Waechter. Please note the deadline for application is November 2. You must return the completed application to Carolyn by that date.



### You Talk. We'll Listen. And Together we'll grow.

A livestream conversation with young Catholics and vocation directors will take place on Saturday, November 3, 2018 – 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM. This will take place during the National Religious Vocation Conference's biennial Convocation that will take place in Buffalo, New York, where Frs. Adam, Francis, Emilio, Anthony and Len Uhal will be present. Join the conversation by participating via livestream. There will be a short prayer service after the conversation. [Click here for more information.](#)



### Mass for Vocations

This week on Thursday we celebrate the Mass for Vocations. Fr. Francis Rayappan, SVD, will be here to preside at the liturgy. In advance, we thank the Romans formation group for helping to plan the liturgy. The vocation office appreciates the community's regular prayer for our ministry. Thank you.



## Where are the vocation directors this week?

Fr. Anthony and Fr. Emilio are both in California this week and will visit parishes in Long Beach and Montclair this coming weekend. Bro. Duylinh will leave for Florida to visit a candidate and then travel to Texas to visit other candidates. Fr. Francis will travel to Chicago to the Taste of St. Anselm this weekend to represent the vocation office. Fr. Adam is returning to campus this week and will travel to Eldora, Iowa, to promote vocations at the parish there on Sunday. Len will be on campus all week.

## PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR

**Operation: New View Community Action Agency** will hold a sign up for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) in the **Weyland Gallery** on **Thursday, October 25** and on **Monday, November 26** from **9 AM – Noon**. The college is providing space for this important program. Low income residents of Dubuque, Jackson and Delaware counties can apply for monetary assistance with winter heating bills.

## More from Mission Sunday!

