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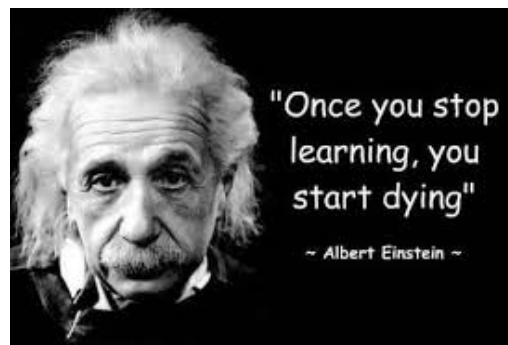
THE PRESIDENT

Ongoing Formation for SVDs

Every Wednesday evening is formation night for students at Divine Word College. The formation program encourages personal growth in five areas of human development: human, spiritual, intellectual, inter-cultural community, and missionary ministry. The program includes many activities in addition to the Wednesday night meetings of the formation groups; there are moments to socialize, to pray, to play and to work, together.

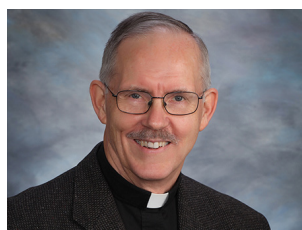
Did you know that formation does not end when an SVD takes perpetual vows? The SVD constitutions emphasize ongoing formation:

“The goal of all formation and education in our Society is growth by the power of the Holy Spirit into unity with the Incarnate Word of the Father and into a missionary community comprising members from many countries and cultures. *This growth is a lifelong task*, a shared responsibility to be faced both by the individual and the community.” (c.501)



How do we keep growing as an SVD community at Epworth? This past week there were two occasions for us to learn and grow together.

- **Workshops.** On Tuesday, Fr. Tom Krosnicki SVD presented an afternoon workshop on Liturgy. For many years, Fr. Tom worked for the US bishops’ liturgy office, and later in Rome with the former International Commission on English in the Liturgy.



- **Recollections.** On Friday and Saturday, Fr. Ed Peklo SVD led us through some Lenten reflections on temptation, and mountaintop experiences.

In the course of the year, there are many other moments for our ongoing formation.

- **Socials.** On Friday afternoons, we gather for SVD community socials to enjoy one another and to celebrate birthdays and the comings-and-goings of the confreres.
- **Community Prayer.** Daily Mass, evening prayer, and monthly community bible sharing gather us in the presence of the Divine Word and keep us together on the road to the reign of God.
- **Community Meetings.** Several times a year we hold community meetings for discussions, information-sharing, community discernment and planning.
- **Sports.** We even have some opportunities for sporting events. Recently, we took an afternoon off to go bowling together. Some of the confreres had excellent scores. Others did a very good job of eating pizza and wings!

We Divine Word Missionaries in the Epworth community are especially blessed to be able to share many of these moments with our Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters.

A line from the book of Revelations seems apropos. The author wrote of his vision: “Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth...” A little later he heard God say, “Behold, I make all things new” (Rv 21:1,5). We are being made new, being formed day by day, through God’s continuing creation.

Board of Administration Meeting Summary

- The Board of Administration met on Friday, March 22, and discussed/approved the following:
- Approved the reformatted job description for the Director of the Intensive English Language Institute [IELI].
- Recommended the proposal to remove all Tenure and Tenure-Specific Policies from the official Divine Word College Handbooks and Manuals. The proposal will be submitted to the Board of Trustees along with comments from faculty members and the results of the Faculty Senate vote.
- Completed a review of the HLC Recommendations from the 2016 visit and will collate the updated information for sharing.
- Approved Mr. Huy Nguyen as the Valedictorian for the 2019 Commencement.
- Approved a change of the date for the Recognition and Award Luncheon to Thursday, May 2. Liturgy Prep and the Formation Committee meeting scheduled for that date will move to April 25.

VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Faculty Transitions

- **Fr. Pablito Tagura, SVD, Ph.D.** will be returning to the Philippines at the end of the current academic year to take up new teaching and administrative assignments at the request of his Provincial Superior. Fr. Tagura has been on-loan to Divine Word College for the past two academic years (2017-2019), and has generously and capably served as Chair of the Department of Theology & Philosophy and as Professor of Philosophy. Read Fr. Tagura's farewell message in this issue of the LOG. Thank you, Fr. Pabs, and God's blessings on your new ministry assignment!
- **Dr. Ronald Condon**, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, has been appointed by President Thomas Ascherman as Interim Chair of the Department of Theology & Philosophy for the 2019-2020 academic year, effective July 2019. Dr. Condon is a well-seasoned and senior member of the faculty, having taught philosophy at Divine Word College since 1999 and having most recently served as President of the Faculty Senate. Dr. Condon is on sabbatical this semester and will return to DWC for the Fall 2019 semester. Congratulations on your appointment, Dr. Condon!

Annual Data Collection on Faculty Professional Development (2018)

Reminder: In order to accurately document that all faculty are actively engaged in ongoing professional development activities, the Office of the VP for Academic Affairs compiles and publishes an Annual Report on Faculty Professional Development for submission to the Board of Administration and the Board of Trustees. All faculty, excluding adjuncts, are kindly requested to briefly list their professional development activities during calendar year 2018 (1 January – 31 December) using the six categories indicated below. If there was no activity in a particular category, simply write "nothing to report." Please email your report to me no later than noon on Friday 5 April 2019. Thanks in advance for your collaboration.

- Professional Memberships
- Publications
- Presentations
- Conferences Attended
- Performances, Exhibitions
- Other (personal study, research, webinars, etc.)

Dates to Remember

Candidate Interviews for Assistant Professor of English

- Dr. Katherine M. Zlabek – APPLICATION WITHDRAWN
- Dr. Richard L. Garrett – Friday, April 5, 2019
- Mr. Adam S. Kozaczka – Monday, April 8, 2019

California Critical Thinking Skills Test (CCTST) for Seniors

- Saturday, April 6, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.
- Names of Seniors required to take the CCTST will be posted on the student bulletin board, or see Fr. Ken Anich, SVD for more information.

Registration for Undergraduate Students for the Fall 2019 Semester

- Wednesday, April 10 – Friday, April 12, 2019
- Undergraduate students are reminded to meet with their Academic Advisors to prepare for Registration for the Fall 2019 Semester. The Registrar's Office will publish course offerings and schedules for next semester on Wednesday 3 April.

Institute of Pastoral Studies at Loyola University Chicago

- Students interested in learning about graduate studies at the Institute of Pastoral Studies at Loyola University Chicago (<https://www.luc.edu/ips>) are invited to an information session at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, April 12, 2019 in room 143 with enrollment advisor Ms. Mariclare Kanaley.

Registrar

I want to take this opportunity to inform the College community that I have resigned from my position as the Registrar of Divine Word College. Although I do not know what the future holds, I am excited for my next adventure. I have enjoyed learning about new cultures and meeting many people from all over the world in the past four years. For that, I am forever grateful! You will all continue to be in my daily prayers. I wish you all the best!



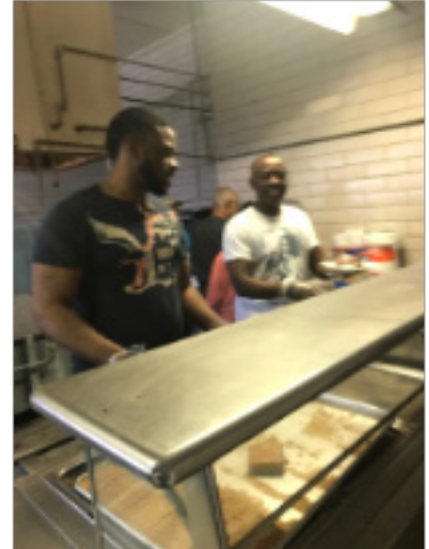
VICE PRESIDENT FOR FORMATION DEAN OF STUDENTS

- Sincere thanks to the formation group of Colossians for all the hard work that you did to make an enjoyable and delicious cultural dinner.
- On Thursday, April 4, Liturgy Prep will be replaced by Liturgical Education at its usual hour, 1:00 P.M, in room 107. The topic for this conference is "Living Eucharist, Living Faith" presented by Fr. Long Phi, SVD. All are required to attend.
- On Sunday, April 07, is Donor Appreciation Mass and Brunch, organized by the Development Office. For those students who will not be involved in the event will have their brunch in the Pour House and recreation area. For further information, please contact Mr. Mark Singsank.
- Ministry Reflection is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10. All the formation groups please gather together at 7:30 P.M, in room 107 for group ministry theological reflection. Fr. Bang Tran, SVD, will help us understand theological reflection in the context of ministry. Those students involved in ministry are expected to come, prepared with one of your ministry experiences as requested. After ministry reflection, a social will follow in the Pour House.

Spring Break Projects and Reflections from the Students –

Opelousas, Louisiana - This Spring Break, Tomerot Lambert and I (Ryan Agbim) spent the week at Holy Ghost Parish in Opelousas, Louisiana, which consists of the largest African-American Catholic population in the U.S. I was given the privilege to tell my vocation story to about 600-700 peoples throughout the Sunday Masses.

Being the first time telling my story, I was completely out of my comfort zone. It wasn't a fear of talking in public; it was a discomfort in giving complete strangers a glimpse into my life, which includes a lot of mistakes. So, I mustered up enough courage to do this, not once, but three consecutive times. What surprised me was not only my delivery of speech, but the response from the parishioners. They were very responsive, nodding heads and shouts of "Amen!" (It's an African-American Parish, don't forget). After the Masses, a few mothers came up to me and asked me if I could speak to their sons and help them with similar issues to what I had experienced. In all honesty, I was overjoyed at the fact that I was able reach someone that I may be able to relate to and offer some guidance, which was my initial intention. The week I spent in Louisiana has affirmed my suspicions that my story isn't entirely unique to me; it can, in fact, be used as a bridge to connect with God's people and bring them across the river of hopelessness and into a deeper relationship with the One that is the true source of all hope. As a missionary, I pray that God will continue to lead me to those I can impact positively.



As I was driving from Holy Ghost enroute back to Divine Word College, I caught sight of a sign that read "IT'S TIME TO STAND OUT" in bright white letters. In His own way, I think this was God was telling me that it is time to let my faith stand out and speak for itself. The truth, no matter what, can set us all free.

St. Louis, MO – (Sam Lollar and Justin Ballengee) This Spring Break, we had the privilege and honor of going to St. Louis to help at a Vietnamese parish known as Resurrection of Our Lord Catholic Church. We met several interesting people including Fr. Khien Luu, SVD and Fr. Chinh Tran, SVD.

While at the church, we had the opportunity to work with a fun and interesting man who was a very hard worker and kept the work fun and interesting. He also allowed us to call him Bamboo Stick since he enjoyed climbing trees and buildings. The three of us cleaned up around the church by picking up fallen limbs from trees and even taking down a tree that was close to the shed. We also cleaned up several rooms at Resurrection Catholic School and set up chairs and tables for one of the children's events.



We enjoyed the Sunday and Daily Masses, which were in Vietnamese as well as in English. The people there were very supportive and made us feel at home quickly. We made several good friends and had good times that will be remembered and cherished. There were also a couple of

women, whose names were Laverne and Lorraine, who took us to a fish fry at St. Stephen Catholic Church on Friday. We shared our vocation stories with them, and we found out that Mrs. Lorraine was 92 years old and still drives and walks very well. Fr. Khien and Fr. Chinh also took us to the Basilica Cathedral of St. Louis on Friday where we got to celebrate Mass and also see the heart of St. John Vianney. We also had plenty of time throughout the week to relax and visit a few interesting sites in the city including U.S. Grant's home, the St. Louis Arch, and Fitz's Soda Factory.

This experience allowed us to witness firsthand the work that we do as missionaries. We both had a wonderful time, though Justin claims to have experienced culture shock from the change of food and language. Overall, this trip helped us to realize how many people we help and serve while doing the most important thing, which is bringing the Word of God to the people.

VICE PRESIDENT FOR OPERATIONS

What to do if there is a Tornado

1. When a tornado warning is announced over the PA system, go immediately to the basement corridor (East end). Megan Hall residents go to the south end of the Megan Hall basement.
2. Gather in your formation group.
3. Remain there until the "all-clear" signal sounds.

What to do if there is a Fire.

1. Pull the nearest fire alarm if you see fire/smoke.
2. When the fire alarm goes off leave the building immediately through the nearest exit! Walk fast, do not run!
3. Proceed to the soccer field and gather by your formation groups.
4. Stay on the field until the fire department gives the "all-clear" signal. If you are unable to return to the main building, proceed to Megan Hall. If you reside at Megan Hall and are unable to return to the building, proceed to the main building.
5. Contact persons are assigned to each formation group. No one but the Fire Department is to go back into the building to look for someone who is missing.

Phishing Emails

Several Divine Word College people have recently received emails from other members of the faculty and staff of Divine Word College that looked to be legitimate emails. The problem is: The email did not come from the sender.

It is an attempt by fraudsters to trick people into gathering personal information, or download malware on your computer, by pretending they are someone you know. Phishing emails often look like real emails, but are setup to steal your identity. They ask you for personal information or request that you take action by following a link. The links that are used often look genuine, but usually redirect you to a fraudulent website.

Phishing email messages take a number of forms:

- They might appear to come from a person you regularly do business with.
- They might ask you to make a phone call. Phone phishing scams direct you to call a customer support phone number. A person or an audio response unit waits to take your account number, personal identification number, password, or other valuable personal data. The phone phisher might claim that your account will be closed or other problems could occur if you don't respond.
- They might include official-looking logos and other identifying information taken directly from legitimate websites, and they might include convincing details about your personal information that scammers found on your social networking pages.
- They might include links to spoofed websites where you are asked to enter personal information.

In an age of data breaches and scams, it's critical to keep an eye out for fraud.

Have you read the latest issue of the DWC World?

It's available on the the website and in the display next to the business office. Take a look today!

www.dwci.edu/about-dwc/dwc-world-newsletter



April 7	Donor Appreciation Mass and Brunch
April 18-21	Holy Week Triduum
May 2	DWC Recognition and Award Luncheon
May 3-4	Board of Trustees Meeting
May 4	Local Alumni Event
May 10	Classes End
May 13-16	Final Exam Week
May 17	Commencement
May 31	ESL Placement Testing/Registration for Summer ESL Classes
June 3	ESL Summer Classes begin