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THE PRESIDENT *Fr. Tom Ascheman, SVD*

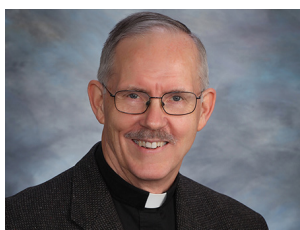
Ongoing COVID 19 Response

At the beginning of the school year, we had the opportunity for everyone to be tested for COVID 19. We were surprised to have eight cases – four among the students and four among the faculty and staff. The people testing positive stayed in isolation for ten days; in addition, all students and SVDs on campus observed several weeks of semi-quarantine by following our stay-on-campus policy. No other confirmed cases of COVID 19 infection have been observed in our college community.

Yesterday was the last day of our semi-quarantine. **What comes next?**

RESTRICTED travel. Students and SVD community are now somewhat freer to move around town and to visit local businesses. Trips to Dubuque are also more permissible. Shopping trips will be the primary reason; restaurants should be avoided; no movie theatres or other indoor venues. Students should contact the Deans; SVDs should inform the Rector. Facemasks are mandated by the city government in Dubuque; and in general, they should be worn off-campus. In every case, we need to watch social distance.

ONGOING testing. Last week the Board of Administration considered the idea of ongoing testing for COVID-19. By having a group of people from the DWC community tested each week, we will be much more likely to recognize an outbreak. So, I am asking that one formation group of students be tested each week, beginning next week and extending through the ten weeks before Thanksgiving. Fr. Long Phi will be making a schedule for the groups. I am also requesting that employees and SVDs go for testing once in those ten weeks. Mr. Winger will work out a



plan/schedule for these tests, based on alphabetized last names. (For instance A-C, D-F, etc.) **Please report your test results to Br. Mike Decker.**

- Unfortunately, it is not possible for the

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team from Epic Health Care to come to the campus again. However, free testing is available at Epic Health Care on Cedar Cross Road in Dubuque after registering through www.testiowa.com and making a reservation at Epic.

- The three Hartig Drugstores in Dubuque offer free drive-through testing. Previous registration through www.doineedacovid19test.com and reservations are required. The test at Hartig is self-administered nasal swab; it is less invasive than the test through testiowa.



Committee Assignments

Early September is always time to review the committee assignments at DWC. Below you will find a draft of the assignments planned for 2020-2021. Some assignments will be determined by election from the faculty senate. Some assignments are still to be nominated by the respective committee chairs. **Please review the assignments and send me any suggested changes.**

JPIC. A change this year is the setting up of a Council for Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC). The importance of such a council is underlined by the social teaching of the Catholic Church, the emphasis on JPIC work among Divine Word Missionaries, and the DWC Core Competency of Social and Global Responsibility. The new council will gather people with a variety of concerns related to the promotion of social justice. The members of the council will encourage the formation of subcommittees and work-groups around particular projects, such as campus sustainability and right to life. Subcommittees and ad hoc workgroups will be formed to carry out particular projects.

Committee Membership 2020-2021

September 09, 2020

Key:

AP = Appointed by the President

EO = Ex Officio

EFS = Elected by Faculty Senate

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HIGHER LEARNING COMMISSION (HLC) TASK FORCE

HLC Interim Monitoring Report Committee

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|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Mathew Kanjirathinkal, Chair (AP) | 2020-2022 |
| John Szukalski SVD (AP) | 2020-2022 |
| TBD additional members (AP) | 2020-2022 |

HLC Assessment Academy Team

Jason Reed, Theo. & Phil.
Raymond Akumbilim SVD, Theo. & Phil.
Cathleen Cleary, Interdisciplinary Studies
Evelyn Dias, Interdisciplinary Studies
Long Phi Nguyen SVD, Religious Formation
John Szukalsi SVD, VP Academic Affairs
Kimberly Burnett-Hackbarth, Registrar
TBD – Director of Institutional Effectiveness

STANDING COMMITTEES

Academic Appeals Committee

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|--|-----------|
| TBD Dept. of Theology & Philosophy (EFS) | 2020-2021 |
| TBD Intensive English Language Inst. (EFS) | 2020-2021 |
| TBD Dept. of Interdisciplinary Studies (EFS) | 2020-2021 |

Admissions Committee

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| Len Uhal, VP Admissions, Chair (EO) | |
| John Szukalski SVD, VP Academic Affairs (EO) | |
| Long Phi Nguyen SVD, VP Formation (EO) | |
| Seo Hyun Park, Director IELI (EO) | |
| Sam Cunningham SVD, SVD Member (AP) | 2020-2021 |

Assessment Committee

*Dir. of Institutional Effectiveness, Chair (EO)
Cathleen Cleary, Chair DIS, *Interim Chair (EO)
Seo Hyun Park, Director IELI (EO)
Ron Condon, Chair DTP (EO)

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| Kimberly Burnett-Hackbarth, Registrar (EO) | |
| *Jason Reed, Faculty Member (AP) | 2020-2022 |
| *Sam Cunningham SVD, Faculty Member (AP) | 2020-2022 |
| Long Phi Nguyen SVD, Formation Member (AP) | 2020-2022 |
| <i>*Members of the Nuclear Body</i> | |

Board of Administration

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| Thomas Ascherman SVD, President, Chair (EO) |
| John Szukalski SVD, VP Academic Affairs (EO) |
| Long Phi Nguyen SVD, VP Formation and Student Life (EO) |
| Len Uhal, VP Admissions (EO) |
| Steve Winger, VP Operations (EO) |

Campus Sustainability Committee – (On hold – see JPIC Council)

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| Steve Winger, Chair (EO) | |
| Brian McLauchlin SVD, (AP) | 2019-2021 |
| Cathleen Cleary, Faculty (AP) | 2019-2021 |
| Mark Singsank, Staff (AP) | 2019-2021 |

Chairs Council

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| John Szukalski SVD, VPAA, Chair (EO) |
| Seo Hyun Park, Director IELI (EO) |
| Ron Condon, Department of Theology & Philosophy (EO) |
| Cathleen Cleary, Department of Intercultural Studies (EO) |
| Kimberly Burnett-Hackbarth, Registrar (EO) |

Emergency Planning Committee

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|---|-----------|
| Steve Winger, VP Operations, Chair (AP) | 2020-2023 |
| *Thomas Ascherman SVD, President (EO) | |
| *Thang Hoang, SVD, Rector (EO) | |
| *Long Phi Nguyen SVD, Dean of Students (EO) | |
| Sonny de Class SVD, Dir. Pre-Novitiate (AP) | 2020-2023 |
| Raymond Akumbilim SVD, Assoc. Dean (AP) | 2020-2023 |
| *Bro. Vinh Trinh SVD, Maintenance Dir. (AP) | 2020-2023 |
| Daniel Williams (AP) | 2020-2021 |
| Sr. Tho Trinh, ICM (AP) Megan Hall Rep. | 2020-2021 |
| <i>* Members of the Emergency Response Team</i> | |

External Affairs Council

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| Tom Ascherman SVD, President, Chair (EO) |
| Linh Pham SVD, Dir. Development (EO) |
| Sandy Wilgenbusch, Dir. Public Relations (EO) |
| Thang Hoang SVD, Alumni Director (EO) |
| Emily Shedek, Public Relations Specialist (EO) |

Mark Singsank, Associate Development Dir (EO)
Len Uhal, VP Admissions (AP)
Donna Puccio, Exec. Sec. to President (AP)

Faculty Promotions and Awards Committee

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|--------------------|-----------|
| TBD Chair (EFS) | 2020-2021 |
| TBD DTP (EFS) | 2020-2021 |
| TBD DIS (EFS) | 2020-2021 |
| TBD IELI (EFS) | 2020-2021 |
| TBD at-large (EFS) | 2020-2021 |

Financial Affairs Committee

Marlene Decker, Dir. Business Office, Chair (EO)
Steven Winger, VP Operations (EO)
Linh Pham SVD, Dir Development (EO)
Len Uhal, VP Admissions (EO)
Carolyn Waechter, Financial Aid Coordinator (EO)
John Szukalski SVD (AP)

Food Service Committee

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|---|-----------|
| Steve Winger, VP for Operations, Chair (AP) | 2020-2021 |
| Brenda Williams, Food Service Director (AP) | 2020-2021 |
| Raymond Akumbilim SVD (AP) | 2020-2021 |
| Phyllis Urbain (AP) | 2020-2021 |
| Sr. Scovia Apiyo LSMIG (AP) | 2020-2021 |

Formation and Student Life Committee

Long Phi Nguyen SVD, VP for Formation, Chair (EO)
Raymond Akumbilim SVD, Assoc. Dean (EO)
James Bergin SVD, Spiritual Life Coordinator (EO)
Megan Sutton, Counselor (EO)
Sonny deClass SVD, Chaplain (EO)
Thang Hoang SVD, formation director (EO)
Stephen Kha Nguyen SVD, formation director (EO)
Jim Zabransky SVD, formation director (EO)
Evelyn Dias, non-voting faculty (AP) 2020-2021
Hoang Do, non-voting student (AP) 2020-2021
Omar Gonzalez, non-voting student (AP) 2020-2021
Sr. Tho Thi Trinh ICM, non-voting student (AP) 2020-2021
Appointed members are nominated by the Formation Team.

Formation Appeals Committee

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| Raymond Akumbilim SVD, Chair (AP) | 2020-2021 |
| Sonny de Class SVD (AP) | 2020-2021 |

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| Evelyn Dias (AP) | 2020-2021 |
| <i>Members are nominated by the Formation Team.</i> | |

Graduation Committee

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| Sandy Wilgenbusch, Dir. Public Relations, Chair (AP) | |
| John Szukalski SVD, VP Academic Affairs (EO) | |
| Long Phi Nguyen SVD, Dean of Students (EO) | |
| Sonny de Class SVD, Chaplain (EO) | |
| Evelyn Dias, Liturgical Music Coord. (EO) | |
| Friday Onoja (AP) | 2020-2021 |

Information Systems Committee

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|---|-----------|
| Brad Florence, Information Systems Director, Chair (EO) | |
| Steve Winger, Vice President Operations (EO) | |
| Daniel Williams, Library Director (EO) | |
| Instructional Technology Support Specialist (EO) | |
| Benjamin Winter (AP) | 2020-2022 |
| Son Le SVD (AP) | 2019-2021 |
| Vuong Vu (AP) | 2020-2021 |

Institutional Review Board (Research)

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| Ken Anich SVD, Chair (AP) | 2020-2021 |
| Cathleen Cleary (AP) | 2020-2021 |
| Sam Cunningham SVD, (AP) | 2020-2021 |

Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Council (JPIC)

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|---|-----------|
| Brian McLaughlin SVD, (Integ. of Creation) Chair (AP) | |
| Lloyd Cunningham SVD (Immigration) (AP) | 2020-2021 |
| Stephen Kha Nguyen (Right to Life) (AP) | 2020-2021 |
| Joshua Young (Intercultural Relations) (AP) | 2020-2021 |
| Ashley Heiberger (AP) | 2020-2021 |
| TBD – Student Representative (AP) | 2020-2021 |
| TBD – Student Representative (AP) | 2020-2021 |

Members are nominated by the Chair

Library Council

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| Daniel Williams, Library Director, Chair (EO) | |
| Tony Kreinus SVD, Assistant Librarian (EO) | |
| Elizabeth Winter, Assistant Librarian, Archivist (EO) | |
| TBD Dept. of Interdisciplinary Studies (AP) | 2020-2022 |
| Jason Reed, DTP (AP) | 2019-2021 |
| Sr. Norelly Rodriguez (AP) | 2020-2021 |

Liturgy Committee

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| Sonny DeClass SVD, Chaplain, Chair (EO) | |
| Paul Aquino SVD, Assistant Chaplain, Co-Chair (EO) | |
| Thang Hoang SVD, Rector (EO) | |
| Raymond Akumbilim SVD, Associate Dean (EO) | |
| Evelyn Dias, Liturgical Music Coord. (EO) | |
| Jill Heitzman (AP) | 2020-2021 |
| Sr. Phuong Tran LHC (AP) | 2020-2021 |
| Cederick Morando (AP) | 2020-2021 |

Newsletter Editorial Committee

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|---|-----------|
| Emily Shedek, Public Relations Specialist, Chair (EO) | |
| Mark Singsank, Associate Development Director (EO) | |
| Richard Garrett, Faculty Representative (AP) | 2020-2022 |
| Larry Udry, Faculty Representative (AP) | 2019-2021 |
| Donna Puccio, Staff Representative (AP) | 2019-2021 |
| Vuong Vu Student Representative (AP) | 2020-2021 |

Appointed members nominated by Chair

Scholarship Advisory Committee

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| Tom Ascherman SVD, Chair (EO) |
| Len Uhal, VP for Admissions (EO) |
| Carolyn Waechter, Financial Aid Coordinator (EO) |
| Long Phi Nguyen SVD, VP for Formation (EO) |

Social Media Content Crew

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| Sandy Wilgenbusch, Director of Public Relations, Chair (EO) |
| Emily Shedek, Public Relations Specialist (EO) |
| TBD, PR Work-Study student (AP) |
| TBD, two students (AP) |

Appointed members nominated by the Chair

Website Review Committee

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| Sandy Wilgenbusch, Director of Public Relations, Chair (EO) |
| Emily Shedek, Public Relations Specialist (EO) |
| John Szukalski SVD, VP for Academic Affairs (EO) |
| Len Uhal, National Vocation Director (EO) |
| Jennifer Vess, Faculty (AP) |
| TBD Student Representative (AP) |

Appointed members nominated by the Chair

OTHER INFORMATION

Spiritual Directors

Fr. James Bergin SVD, Coordinator
 Fr. Ken Anich SVD
 Fr. Dennis Callan SVD
 Fr. Sam Cunningham SVD
 Sr. Anna Trang Mai IHM
 Fr. Ed Peklo SVD,
 Sr. Joellen Price PBVM
 Br. Jim Zabransky SVD

Student Senate Officers – 2020-2021

President: Hoang Do
 Vice President: Omar Gonzalez
 Secretary: Sr. Dieu Nguyen LHC
 Treasurer: João Neto SVD

VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Fr. John Szukalski, SVD

HLC Assessment Academy Team & Virtual Roundtable

Divine Word College is participating in the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Assessment Academy beginning with the Fall 2020 cohort. The Assessment Academy is a four-year structured program (2020-2024) aimed at advancing and accelerating an institution's efforts to assess student learning and program effectiveness. The Academy is a shared DWC responsibility and consists of workshops, on-campus activities, online project updates, and virtual consultations. The following colleagues were appointed over the summer by President Ascherman to the HLC Assessment Academy Team 2020-2024:

Department of Theology & Philosophy

Department of Interdisciplinary Studies

Religious Formation Program
 VPAA Office

Dr. Jason Reed – Assistant Professor of Philosophy
 Fr. Raymond Akumbilim, SVD – Instructor of Theology
 Dr. Cathleen Cleary – Assistant Professor of Biology
 Dr. Evelyn Dias – Assistant Professor of Music
 Fr. Long Phi Nguyen, SVD – VP for Formation
 * Fr. John A. Szukalski, SVD, PhD – VP for Academic Affairs
 Ms. Kimberly Burnett-Hackbarth – Registrar
 TBD – Director of Institutional Effectiveness

Assessment was raised as an area for attention during the 2016 HLC Comprehensive Visit and again in the 2019 HLC Mid-Cycle Visit. DWC is required to submit an Interim Report in the area of Assessment by November 2021. Participation in the HLC Assessment Academy will guide our collaborative efforts as a College in crafting a more robust assessment regimen in the Undergraduate Program and co-curricular Religious Formation Program. (The ESL Program is working concurrently on specialized accreditation with the Commission on English Language Program Accreditation – CEA).

Dr. Kanjirathinkal and Fr. Szukalski already participated in the Virtual Orientation that was held on 3 August 2020. The HLC Academy Team members will shortly begin reviewing materials and answering context questions in preparation for the October 2020 Virtual Roundtable. The Virtual Roundtable is a multi-day event designed to gather information on strategies to improve student learning and define the Academy Project. The Virtual Roundtable is scheduled for Wednesday 28 October through Friday 30 October 2020.

Faculty Professional Development

Rev. Dr. Samuel Cunningham, SVD, Assistant Professor of Psychology in the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies [DIS], has been granted professional development funding to attend the Evolution of Psychotherapy 2020 Virtual Experience from 9-13 December 2020.



VICE PRESIDENT FOR FORMATION DEAN OF STUDENTS

Fr. Long Phi Nguyen, SVD

Family Feast

Congratulations and blessings to the SVD community on the 145th anniversary of the foundation of the Society of Divine Word, in particular to Fr. Ken, Fr. Emilio and Fr. Sonny on their Jubilee celebrations of religious vows. Special thanks to the kitchen staff, the liturgy committee, and the Student Senate for all the work that you did to make the Family Feast a memorable one. Well done!

Labor Day

Happy Labor Day! Many thanks to the Student Senate for your leadership and all the hard work that you put in to making the Labor Day's celebration an enjoyable one. Congrats to all 5-K runners and walkers, especially to Fr. Adam who won over Sr. Isabel Mula by a half of an inch. Well done, father!

Dean's Forum

There will not be formation group meetings this Wednesday, September 9th as result of the Dean's Forum starting at 7:30 pm in the main Chapel. All students are expected to be present. Come and be informed about what is going on. Thank you.

VSA Picnic

The VSA picnic on campus is scheduled for Saturday, September 12. The gym will be reserved for their use from 12 pm to 8:00 pm and the main chapel will be used from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm. Wishing all a wonderful picnic.

Roadside Clean- Up

The roadside clean-up scheduled on Saturday, September 12th, has been canceled, due to state restrictions.

VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADMISSIONS

Mr. Len Uhal

Divine Word College Presidential Scholarship

This is a final reminder to students that the application deadline to apply for the Presidential Scholarship is this Friday, September 11.

Divine Word College first awarded the Presidential Scholarship in 1979. This scholarship is a recognition of and an honor for students who show promise of superior academic achievement. The scholarship includes an annual award of up to \$3,000 renewable each year the recipient continues to meet the established guidelines. The award may result in a further discount of tuition. A maximum of two students may receive this scholarship in a single year.

Criteria for Selection:

Students in the Undergraduate Program at Divine Word College are eligible to apply for the Presidential Scholarship provided they meet the following criteria:

- Applicants entering from high school must have a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or above.
- College transfer applicants must have a cumulative college GPA of 3.50 or above.
- Applicants who have completed secondary school or college/university studies abroad must have an acceptable equivalent cumulative GPA.
- Students in the undergraduate program may apply at any time during their studies at Divine Word College provided they have a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 or higher.

If you believe you qualify for the DWC Presidential Scholarship, please complete the application form by September 11, 2020, which you can obtain from Ms. Carolyn Waechter, the Financial Aid Coordinator. Carolyn can also answer any of your questions.

VICE PRESIDENT FOR OPERATIONS

Mr. Steve Winger

SafeCollege Classes

For those of you who are new, DWC requires everyone to take SafeCollege classes each semester. A link to the SafeCollege classes should have shown up in your email last week. Please follow the directions in the email. You should have plenty of time to complete these classes by December 31. If you have any difficulty playing the videos, please let me know. The SafeCollege training site will automatically send you reminders to complete your work. I automatically receive notice once you have completed the course. There is no need to send me a certificate of completion. We do ask that you work on these individually and not in groups.

HEALTH SERVICES COORDINATOR

Bro. Mike Decker, SVD

Flu Vaccinations

There will be “Flu Vaccinations” given to ALL Divine Word College Students and Employees on Tuesday, September 22, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in the gym. I highly recommend that EVERYONE receive a Flu Vaccination this year because of COVID-19. This will help everyone stay healthier at Divine Word College.

- Employees – please bring your Medical Insurance Card.
- Everyone – please wear a mask, do social distancing, and wash your hands often before, and after you receive your Flu Vaccination.
- A sign-up list will be posted on the main Student Bulletin Board and SVD Bulletin Board on September 9. You need to sign up on only one bulletin board. The deadline to sign up is Friday, September 18.
- Those persons who are over the age of 65 and want to receive a Flu Vaccination, please inform Bro. Mike Decker.

If you have any questions or concerns, please see Bro. Mike Decker.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Mr. Daniel Williams

Something New ... Wisdom Commentary from Liturgical Press

Over the past couple of years, especially with the generosity of the Sisters of Charity of the BVM in Dubuque, our library has been adding materials relating to spirituality and theology from a feminist perspective.

Recently, we were able to expand greatly on that by purchasing the Wisdom Commentary from Liturgical Press. This is a multi-volume series of scriptural commentary written from a feminist perspective. The general editor is Sr. Barbara E. Reid, OP who is a professor at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, IL. When complete, the series will have fifty-eight volumes in total. In addition to the volumes we have currently received, the library now has a standing order for all future volumes as well.

While I have attempted to phrase how impressive these volumes seem to me, I realize I can do no better than to share part of the series description from the publisher:

The aim of this commentary is to provide feminist interpretation of Scriptures in serious, scholarly engagement with the whole text, not only those texts that explicitly mention women. A central concern is the world in front of the text, that is, how the text is heard and appropriated by women. At the same time, this commentary aims to be faithful to the ancient text, to explicate the world behind the text, where appropriate, and not impose contemporary questions onto the ancient texts. The commentary addresses not only issues of gender (which are primary in this project) but also those of power, authority, ethnicity, racism, and classism, which all intersect. (from the dust jacket)

As a librarian, I believe this series will greatly enhance all of our studies and research of Sacred Scripture here at Divine Word College.

The Courtyard

Our courtyard is a wonderful place indeed to have lunch or share breaks with each other. During our time of limitations, it has been a delightful alternative for faculty and staff to dining in our offices or even off-campus.

Of course, dining in the courtyard can get hot, or cold, or even wet. What can we do then?

When the weather doesn't allow having lunch in the courtyard, staff and faculty are welcome to have lunch in the library. Feel free to bring your "grab and go" box from the dining room or your homemade lunch to the library, dine in comfort and still have a view of the great outdoors. We only ask that you take any trash and leftovers with you when you leave.

So come and see us – and check out a book or DVD when you do!

PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR

Sandy Wilgenbusch

Listen to this!

Frt. Huy Nguyen, SVD graduated from Divine Word College in 2019. Since that time he has completed the Novitiate Program, professed vows and moved to the Theologate. In the midst of his formation, Huy also found time to compose a song, titled *Missionary Calling*, in honor of the 145th Anniversary of the founding of The Society of the Divine Word.

Huy called on his confreres to record the song and set it to an inspiring video. The song and video are available on YouTube. Click the link to listen and enjoy! <https://youtu.be/6FrIEFyqf-4>

