

## CAMPUS CONNECTIONS



### *A very important visitor*

Father General Paulus Budi Kleden SVD, superior general of the Society of the Divine Word, visited Divine Word College during the fall semester while he was in the United States for meetings. Students were excited to have the opportunity to meet him. During his stay, the Superior General celebrated Mass and shared his vocation story with Divine Word candidates, those in temporary vows, Holy Spirit Sisters and formators. Born in Indonesia, Father General Kleden was elected superior general in 2018.



### *Lunar New Year*

The DWC community amped up the energy for the Year of the Dragon during its Lunar New Year celebration in February! The chapel and gym were adorned in vibrant red and gold, symbolizing luck and prosperity for the upcoming year. Students performed a traditional lion dance, received “lucky money” and enjoyed an assortment of traditional cuisines. The event crossed cultural boundaries, as community members from diverse backgrounds joined together to honor the rich traditions of Lunar New Year.



### *Queen of the Americas*

In November, the Asian American Hispanic Association (AAHA) threw a party fit for a queen—the Queen of the Americas, that is! They gathered to honor the Marian Apparition to Juan Diego in 1531 and the love and admiration for Mary across the Americas. The festivities kicked off with a vibrant Mass concelebrated by Fr. Omar Ortega Patino and Fr. Sam Cunningham, SVD. Later, the college community enjoyed a cultural program that showcased delicious cuisines and traditional tunes from Latin American countries.



### *A tasty fundraiser*

A good missionary knows how to use his or her talents to make a difference and last semester, the students at Divine Word College did just that. The Student Senate organized an effort to make and sell more than 1,000 egg rolls. With its substantial Vietnamese community, the college has developed a reputation for having some of the tastiest egg rolls around! Students from a variety of cultural backgrounds got involved. All proceeds from the sale went to Catholic Charities to support the fire relief efforts in Maui.