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THE PRESIDENT

Fr. Tom Ascheman, SVD

Witnessing to the Light, from Everywhere for Everyone

Last Sunday, on September 8, The College initiated a yearlong celebration of the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Society of the Divine Word. In 1875, on September 8, St. Michael’s Mission House was inaugurated, in Steyl, Netherlands, near what is now the border with Germany. The Arnoldus Family wants to keep that historical moment in our prayers for the coming twelve months, as a fitting preparation for the celebration of our foundation.

The theme for this year is *Witnessing to the Light, from Everywhere for Everyone*. Fr. Tom Krosnicki SVD and I adapted for our use at DWC the text of a prayer sent by the SVD general council in Rome. As I ponder the prayer from here in Epworth, some themes especially attract my attention.

The Father gathers us *from everywhere*; that is certainly true for DWC. As we open the new school year, our community comes from more than 20 nations. We are all part of the *Arnoldus Family*. The 1875 foundation is important for Divine Word brothers and priests, and also for Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters (SSpS) and the Holy Spirit Adoration Sisters (SSpSAP). Though some years passed before the formal foundation of the two Sisters congregations, already in 1874, St. Arnold spoke about establishing a branch for women religious committed to missionary outreach. Now we also include our many, many collaborators, both lay and religious, as part of our Arnoldus Family.

We pray to Jesus the Divine Word. We come together as his brothers and sisters, not just for our own sake, *but for everyone* we meet in the course of our missionary outreach. As missionaries, we especially commit our lives to faith seekers, the poor and marginalized, people of many cultures, and followers of other faith traditions. I believe the core mark of a



LIGHT EVERYWHERE FOR EVERYONE

*Holy Triune God,
you inspired Saint Arnold Janssen
to found the Society of the Divine Word.
We give thanks that you gather disciples
from everywhere among the nations,
into the **Arnoldus Family** of missionaries.*

*Jesus, Divine Word,
may we remain ever close to you,
to receive and offer the good news,
of your forgiving and healing compassion
for everyone in our troubled world.*

*Holy Spirit, Heavenly Gift,
renew and strengthen our daily journey
as faithful pilgrims of hope and joy,
ready to respond to **new challenges**
with creativity, fidelity, and love.*

*Mary, Mother of the Divine Word,
pray that our missionary endeavors,
illuminated by the Spirit of Grace
and guided by the Light of your beloved Son,
help to draw all of humanity and creation
into **lasting communion** in God's eternal love.*

Amen.

missionary spirituality is the ardent hope that everyone comes to a full participation in God's love. At Mass, at the time of the consecration of the wine, I often offer a silent prayer that all people will benefit from Jesus' sacrifice; I think of Judas, Adolf Hitler, and Josef Stalin. Perhaps you think of other famous sinners who need special prayers.

We pray, then, that the Holy Spirit enlighten and strengthen us in the face of **new challenges**. Some of those challenges might be very particular concerns from within our own house and community; others may be world embracing, including respect for mother Earth, care for immigrants and the poor around the world, and for peace everywhere. Whether the challenges are large or small, I am convinced, along with many other members of the Arnoldus family, our concrete response must be to build up life-giving friendships. The Spirit **opens our eyes with love** so that we can truly see opponents or enemies as brothers and sisters. When you see me at Mass looking out over the crowd, please know that I am loving you.

Finally, we turn to **Mary** to conclude our prayer. Why? Well, first of all, September 8 is not only the foundation day for SVDs and the Arnoldus family, it is the day the Church celebrates Mary's birthday. She has loved Jesus and the members of the Church during all those centuries. We ask that she pray along with us now, since she surely knows from deep within herself the contours of **lasting communion** in God's love. Together with the whole world and all its peoples, we hunger and thirst for communion with God and with one another.

Committee Appointments

The beginning of the school year at DWC always occasions invitations to serve on committees. I am grateful for the willingness of so many people to help with the organization and functioning of our College.

Last week, the DWC LOG published appointments for the teams preparing for the next year's accreditation visit of the Higher Learning Commission. Today I am glad to be able to publish the appointments for 22 of the 27 College committees. Additional appointments will be made in the coming weeks for the Faculty Promotions and Awards Committee, the Justice Peace and Integrity of Creation Council (JPIC), the Newsletter Editorial Committee, the Social Media Content Crew, and the Tree Campus Committee.

Please review the attached list of appointments and let me know if further adjustments are required. THANKS!



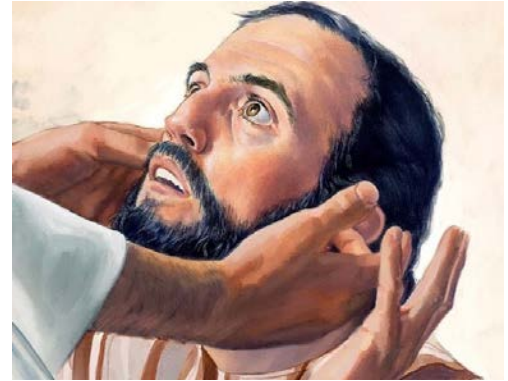


VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Dr. Joshua Young

The Work is Getting Real

I was struck by the reading from the Gospel of Mark this past Sunday and how it embodies an important lesson. In the Gospel, Jesus heals a man with hearing and speaking disabilities. Jesus says, “*Ephphatha*,” which means, be open. How interesting that oftentimes our failure to learn a lesson that God is trying to pass onto us is our inability to be open, including in the classroom. Learning is about exercising our imagination and discovering possibilities. We are at a point in the semester where the work is getting real, where we are being challenged to expand our vocabulary, our thinking, and our appreciation of all that God has revealed that might seem strange or burdensome to us. Yet, Jesus eternally beseeches us to be open. When we accept this invitation in our academic pursuits as missionaries we may truly say He makes us, the deaf, to hear and us, the mute, to speak.



Assessment Bites

from Dr. Yasmin Rioux

DWC is Graduating!

After four years, we are steadily moving towards “graduating” from the HLC Assessment Academy this fall! The members of the committee have been working on finalizing the last written project while also creating a poster for the upcoming in-person roundtable that will take place this October in St. Charles, Illinois. Following this event, the members will be tasked with one more assignment that will conclude our participation in the HLC Assessment Academy! Our time with the program has allowed us to gain valuable feedback from our HLC mentor and scholar, hone in on specific areas of the Divine Word College assessment approaches and endeavors, and gain a better understanding of assessment in general.

Over the past years, the HLC Assessment Academy Committee has been comprised of various DWC members, including faculty, staff, formators, and administrators. Thank you to all who have been actively contributing, participating, and working on improving our DWC assessment protocol!



VICE PRESIDENT FOR FORMATION/DEAN OF STUDENTS

Fr. Tuan Hoang, SVD

Family Feast

I hope that all of you enjoyed Family Feast filled with prayers, fun and games, Eucharistic celebration, and banquet served by our Divine Word Missionaries. Many thanks to the Student Senate for preparing the activities and games in the morning. It seemed that all the students enjoyed it from the smiles and laughter on their faces. Also, a special thanks to those who lent a hand to prepare for the banquet in every way. I believe that Fr. Jim Bergin, SVD, Sr. Agathe Bramkamp, SSps, Fr. Sam Cunningham, SVD, and Bro. Mike Decker, SVD appreciate the hard work preparing for the celebrations and the gifts as they celebrate their jubilee.



Dean's Forum

A reminder that Dean's Forum will be this **Thursday, September 12, 2024 in room 107 at 1:00 pm**. The deans are looking forward to seeing you this Thursday to discuss the concerns and matters of formation and student life at Divine Word College. All students are required to come to Dean's Forum. Please come on time.

Student Conference - Living Out Our Congregation's Charisms

One of our goals in the formation program at Divine Word College is to provide ongoing education to support students in temporary and perpetual vows. Each year, we have speakers coming to Divine Word College to share certain topics and themes around the five facets of our formation program (Human, Spiritual, Intellectual, Intercultural Community, and Missionary Ministry). Although these conferences are required for students in temporary vows, I encourage all students to take the opportunity to attend these conferences.

This Wednesday, September 11, 2024, Sr. Mary Francis Reis, BVM will present a conference on Living Out Our Congregation's Charisms. The conference will begin at 5:15 pm in room 107. All students in temporary vows are required to attend this conference. For the rest of the students, you are encourage to come to this conference for your discernment and ongoing education.

SVD Perpetual Vows

On Saturday, September 14, 2024, six members of the Divine Word Theologate and alumnus at Divine Word College will profess their perpetual vows with the Society of the Divine Word. It is a blessing for our Arnoldus Family in this important occasion to have six confreres profess as full members to the family. The celebration of

the profession of perpetual vows will be at Holy Child Jesus Church in Chicago, IL. Last week, I posted a sign-up sheet for those who want to travel to Techny for the celebration, and all spots are filled. I am no longer accepting any more requests or changes to the sign up list as we are limited in vehicles.

SVD Bible Sharing

This Friday, September 13, 2024, the SVD candidates will join the SVD community for bible sharing and social. For members of the Society of the Divine Word, it is important for us to read and reflect on the scriptures, and listen to God’s words in our hearts. The SVD community continues to encourage our SVD candidates to do the same as they are continuing to discern their vocation with the SVDs. Moreover, the social will allow the candidates to strengthen their identity belonging to the Arnoldus Family. May this experience help our SVD candidates be enriched in the Word of God and communal living. All SVD candidates are required to attend bible sharing and social this Friday. Fr. Simon Thoi Hoang, SVD has posted the information on the bulletin board. We will begin at 5:00 pm with the evening prayer.



FIRST AID WORKSHOP
EPWORTH FIRE STATION

STUDENTS	EMPLOYEES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Saturday, September 21 ✓ 10 am - 12 Noon ✓ Meet at front entrance 9:45 am ✓ Registration Deadline: September 16 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Friday, September 27 ✓ 10 am - 12 Noon ✓ Meet at front entrance 9:45 am ✓ Registration Deadline: September 23



VICE PRESIDENT FOR OPERATIONS

Steve Winger

Vector Solutions-SafeColleges

Vector Solutions-SafeColleges is our online training platform. You should receive an email in the coming days letting you know that you have an online class to complete.

Employees and SVD will take two classes: Family Medical Leave Act sand Student Mental Health: Awareness, Intervention and Referral.

Students will take two classes which include: Sensitivity Awareness and Sexual Violence Awareness.

All classes are mandatory and are due by December 31, 2024. You should receive email reminders until you have completed the coursework.

If you have any questions or need help logging in, please contact Mr. Steve Winger, Vice President for Operations.



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TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 24
11 AM TO 1 PM IN THE GYM

sign up by Friday, September 20!


 Matthew Jacoby Library

opac.dwci.edu

Dubuque County Library District MOU

Last year the Matthew Jacoby Library signed a *memorandum of understanding* with the Dubuque County Library District (DCLD). The memorandum outlines a new relationship between the two libraries wherein DWC students are registered in the DCLD system using their DWC library card number. This allows students easier access all of the resources and services available at DCLD's five branches and online (<https://www.dubcolib.org/>).

What online resources does DCLD have?

- eBooks, audiobooks, and reading recommendations
- fundraising
- genealogy
- health and wellness
- language learning
- newspapers
- skill building
- State of Iowa publications and maps
- vehicle maintenance
- video streaming
- eBook, magazine, reference, and journal databases



Public Library Student Access Card

All Divine Word College students have automatic access to thousands of books, DVDs, eBooks, eAudiobooks, and more at the Dubuque County Library District. Just use your DWC Student ID card to access resources on DCLD's website or in-person at one of DCLD's five branches: Epworth, Farley, Peosta, Holy Cross, and Asbury.

 Divine Word College
  Dubuque County Library District

Where is the closest DCLD branch?

The Epworth Branch is only 1.2 miles from campus.

Address: 110 Bierman Road Epworth, IA 52045.

Phone number: 563-876-3388.

Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM — 6:00 PM

Tuesday: 3:00 PM — 7:00 PM

Wednesday: 10:00 AM — 7:00 PM

Thursday: 3:00 PM — 7:00 PM

Friday: 2:00 PM — 6:00 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM — 1:00 PM

Sunday: CLOSED

DWC Committee Assignments 2024-09-09

AP - Appointed EO - Ex-officio EFS - Election by Faculty Senate

Academic Appeals Committee

Jean Floyd, IELI	2024-2025
Richard Garrett, DIS	2024-2025
Stephen Kha Nguyen SVD, DTP	2024-2025

Members are nominated by the respective Department Chairs.

Admissions Committee

Len Uhal, VP Admissions, Chair	(EO)
Josh Young, VP Academic Affairs	(EO)
Tuan Hoang SVD, VP Formation and Student Life	(EO)
Seo Hyun Park, Director IELI	(EO)
Sam Cunningham SVD, SVD Member	2024-2025

Chair nominates the appointed SVD Member

Board of Administration

Tom Ascherman SVD, President, Chair	(EO)
Josh Young, VP Academic Affairs	(EO)
Tuan Hoang SVD, VP Formation and Student Life	(EO)
Len Uhal, VP Admissions	(EO)
Steve Winger, VP Operations	(EO)
Sandy Wilgenbusch, External Affairs Coordinating Director (AP)	2024-2025
Chris Jackson, Exec Secretary to President (AP)	2024-2025

President nominates and confirms appointed members

Chairs Council

Josh Young, VPAA, Chair	(EO)
Seo Hyun Park, Director IELI	(EO)
Jason Reed, Department of Theology & Philosophy	(EO)
Yasmin Rioux, Department of Interdisciplinary Studies	(EO)
Kimberly Burnett-Hackbarth, Registrar	(EO)

Emergency Planning Committee

*Steve Winger, VP Operations, Chair	(EO)
*Thomas Ascherman SVD, President	(EO)
*Simon Thoi Hoang SVD, Rector	(EO)
*Tuan Hoang SVD, Dean of Students	(EO)
*Randy Accola, Maintenance Dir.	(EO)
Sonny de Class SVD, Dir. Pre-Novitiate	2024-2025
Benyamin Boro Nama SVD, Assoc. Dean	2024-2025
Sr. Comfort Nyongo SON	2024-2025

** Members of the Emergency Response Team*

External Affairs Council

Sandy Wilgenbusch, Coordinating Director, Chair	(EO)
Tom Ascheman SVD, President	(EO)
Linh Pham SVD, Dir. Development	(EO)
Thang Hoang SVD, Alumni Director, Assoc. Devel. Dir.	(EO)
Emily Shedek, Public Relations Specialist	(EO)
Len Uhal, VP Admissions	2024-2025
Chris Jacksons, Exec. Sec. to President	2024-2025

Financial Affairs Committee

Mary Pat Kerper, Dir. Business Office, Chair	(EO)
Steven Winger, VP Operations	(EO)
Len Uhal, VP Admissions	(EO)
Josh Young, Academics	2024-2025
Chris Jackson, Exec Secretary	2024-2025
Simon Thoi Hoang SVD	2024-2025
Tuan Hoang SVD	2024-2025

Food Service Committee

Steve Winger, VP Operation, Chair	(EO)
Chris Jackson, President's Exec Secretary	2024-2025
Janna Hammer, Aladdin	2024-2025
Aprilia Untarto, Formation Team	2024-2025
Simon Thoi Yoang SVD, SVD Community	2024-2025

Formation Appeals Committee

Benjamin Boro Nama SVD, Chair	2024-2025
Anna Trang Mai, IHM	2024-2025
Evelyn Dias	2024-2025

Members are nominated by the Formation Team.

Formation and Student Life Committee

Tuan Hoang , VP for Formation, Chair	(EO)
Benjamin Boro Nama SVD, Assoc. Dean	(EO)
Simon Thoi Hoang SVD, Spiritual Life Coordinator	(EO)
Aprilia Untarto SSpS, Formation Director	(EO)
Mike Decker SVD, Health Services Coordinator	(EO)
Anna Trang Mai IHM, Formation Director	(EO)
Sonny deClass SVD, Chaplain, Formation Director	(EO)
Akizou Kamina SVD, formation director	(EO)
Stephen Kha Nguyen SVD, group chaplain	2024-2025
Evelyn Dias, non-voting faculty	2024-2025
Ladouceur Flarissaint, non-voting student representative	2024-2025
Mu Mu Paw, non-voting student representative	2024-2025
Comfort Nyongo SON, non-voting student representative	2024-2025
Jeff Puccio non-voting recording secretary	2024-2025

Appointed members are nominated by the Formation Team.

Graduation Committee

Sandy Wilgenbusch, Dir. Public Relations, Chair	(EO)
Josh Young, VP Academic Affairs	(EO)
Sonny de Class SVD, Chaplain	(EO)
Evelyn Dias, Liturgical Music Coord.	(EO)
Kimberly Burnett-Hackbarth	(EO)
Nhung Tran LHC-TD, Student Rep.	2024-2025

Information Systems Committee

Brad Florence, Information Systems Director, Chair	(EO)
Steve Winger, Vice President Operations	2024-2025
Michelle Vargo, Faculty	2024-2025
Elizabeth Winter, Librarian	2024-2025
Chinh Pham, Student Representative	2024-2025

Institutional Assessment Committee

Yasmin Rioux, Institutional Effectiveness, Chair	(EO)
Mathew Kanjirathinkal, DIS	2024-2025
Mark Garton, IELI	2024-2025
Jason Reed, DTP	2024-2025
Anna Trang Mai IHM, Formation	2024-2025
Aprilia Untarto SSpS, Formation	2024-2025
Benyamin Boro Nama SVD, Formation	2024-2025

Appointed Members are nominated by VPAA and VPFSL

Institutional Review Board (Research)

Cathleen Cleary, Chair	2024-2025
Ashley Heiberger	2024-2025
Sam Cunningham SVD	2024-2025

Nominated by the VPAA

Library Council

Elizabeth Winter, Library Director, Archivist	(EO)
Tony Kreinus SVD, Assistant Librarian	(EO)

Liturgy Committee

Sonny DeClass SVD, Chaplain, Chair	(EO)
Dominic Pham SVD, Assistant Chaplain	(EO)
Simon Thoi Hoang SVD, Rector	(EO)
Aprilia Untarto, Formation Dir.	(EO)
Evelyn Dias, Liturgical Music Coordinator	(EO)
Hiep Nguyen AMML, Student Representative	2024-2025
Duyen Nguyen OCist, Student Representative	2024-2025

Appointed members nominated by the VP Formation

Scholarship Advisory Committee

Tom Ascherman SVD, Chair	(EO)
Len Uhal, VP Admissions	(EO)
Tuan Hoang SVD, VP Formation	(EO)

Title IX

Steve Winger, Coordinator	2024-2025
Tuan Hoang SVD, Investigator	2024-2025
Kimberly Burnet-Hackbarth, Investigator	2024-2025
Michelle McDonald , Outside Mediator	2024-2025
Benyamin Boro Nama SVD, Hearing Board	2024-2025
Sonny de Class SVD, Hearing Board	2024-2025
Evelyn Dias, Hearing Board	2024-2025

Website Review

Sandy Wilgenbusch, Chair	2024-2025
Emily Shedek, Public Relations	2024-2025
Kimberly Burnett-Hackbarth, Registrar	2024-2025

Spiritual Directors

Fr. Simon Hoang SVD, Coordinator	2024-2025
Fr. James Bergin SVD	2024-2025
Fr. Dennis Callan SVD	2024-2025
Sr. Anna Trang Mai IHM	2024-2025
Sr. Maria Nguyen OSB	2024-2025
Fr. Mark Schramm SVD	2024-2025
Sr. Agathe Bramkamp SSPS	2024-2025
Sr. Joellen Price PBVM	2024-2025
Fr. Tom Umbras SVD	2024-2025

Nominated by Coordinator of Spir. Dirs

Faculty Senate Officers

Ben Wintress, President (EFS)	2024-2025
TBD , Secretary (EFS)	2024-2025

Elected by Faculty Senate

Student Senate Officers

Ladouceur Flarissaint, President	2024-2025
Ae "Mu Mu" Pa You Paw, Vice President	2024-2025
Sr. Nhi Nguyễn, LHC-GV, Secretary	2024-2025
Angel Rodriguez Fuentes , Treasurer	2024-2025

Elected by Student Body

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