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A Man in Love...

Last Wednesday, on January 15, we celebrated the Feast of St. Arnold. Sr. Agathe Bramkamp SSpS gave a lovely reflection during the Mass. I would like to share her thoughts with you. The following is a lightly edited version of her presentation.

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We celebrate St. Arnold as someone perfected in the crucible of God's love.

God started out with him in a rather ordinary way, a humble way... it was in no way spectacular. But when we reflect on his life, his motivation and above all, God's work in him, the Holy Spirit shows us, what God can do, wants to do in each of us. If we respond to the Holy Spirit in this radical way as St Arnold did, then God's ways with us will turn out to be quite spectacular!

In 1837, Arnold Janssen was born in Goch, a small town on the Lower Rhein, Germany. In 1861, when he was 24 years old, he was ordained a priest of his Diocese of Muenster. His bishop assigned him to teach in a secondary school. That was a job that can keep you quite occupied!

For 12 years after ordination, Arnold was a teacher of math and natural sciences in a public high school; he had been certified even before his theological studies and ordination. He taught almost every class at that school, not only math and science, his favorites. Generally he had 24-30 hours of teaching a week. And still he kept learning and deepening his theological knowledge with great fervor and love.

In 1869, he also became the Diocesan Director of the Apostleship of Prayer! Now that was something close to his heart, and nourishing to his soul. With a great devotion to the Sacred Heart and a focus on God's love, he promoted this prayer-ministry, walking from village to towns, speaking about the Apostleship of Prayer. Those were his first, very



ardent and very exhausting mission trips, to assure ordinary Christians of the love of God and their union with the all-embracing Heart of Jesus.

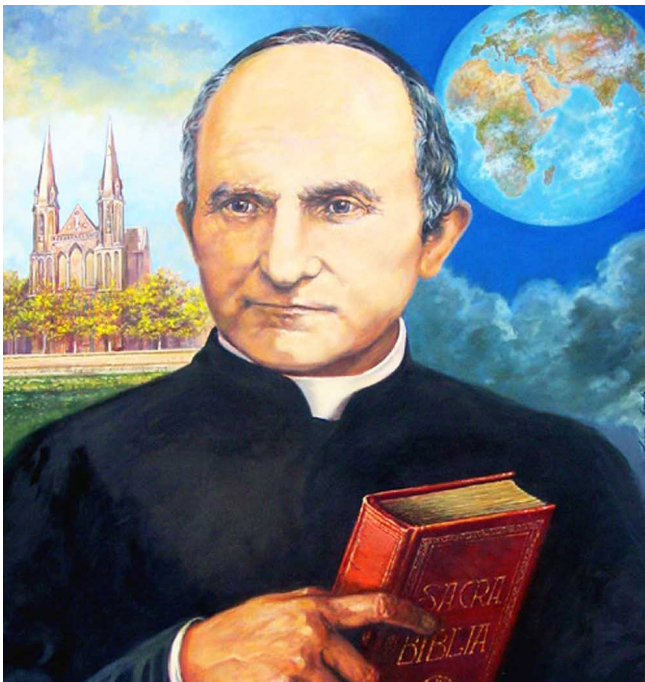
What moved this young man? What brought him to understand the extraordinary reality of Christ, the Son of God, wanting to befriend the human heart and lead all people to the understanding that they are loved? What pushed him to preach a divine love that makes all of us into the temple of the Holy Spirit – the Holy Triune God that lives in our hearts!?!



Sr. Agathe
Bramkamp SSpS

In his constant and intense development as a person in love with God, and in his seeking the company of God so fervently, we meet someone who was truly alive with God. He was a true and faithful listener to God’s inspiration. The Holy Spirit became more and more the source of his life and strength. He grew in understanding the life of the Church and in the union of all creation in God’s life-giving spirit.

In the light of the Spirit, Fr. Arnold saw clearly how his heart must respond, and how he could invite, urge, even beg and pray that his sons and daughters honor that light in themselves, in the Church, in all of humanity and yes, in all creation. So along with Arnold, as servants of the Light and the Spirit of grace, all of us are called to be Spirit bearers, light bearers. The missionary Spirit, as Arnold Janssen wanted us to see it, is a Spirit of openness to the truth, of enthusiasm to share that truth, and great fervor to bring that truth of God’s all-encompassing love to all people. There are no limits, there are no shortcuts.



One of our Arnoldus family prayers expresses this: “May the darkness of sin and the night of unbelief vanish before the Light of the Word and the Spirit of Truth, and may the heart of Jesus live in our hearts and in the hearts of all people. “ Now after 150 years of mission service, we are still being renewed in the same Spirit. Every day, we are called to witness to the Light, by acknowledging God’s gift in and all around us, and by gratefully and generously offering ourselves in love, respect, service and friendship.

For these 150 years of mission work and mission grace, and for all the years to come, we express the same resolve: *Witnessing to the Light, from Everywhere for Everyone.*

Sr. Agathe Bramkamp SSpS, January 15, 2025



FROM EVERYWHERE
FOR EVERYONE



Dr. Yasmin Rioux

Assessment Bites

Faculty Evaluations

I wanted to share a few important assessment numbers and dates as we begin our rounds of Faculty Evaluations of Signature Assignments for the Fall 2024 artifacts.

- Please use Chrome.
- The login link for OAP is as follows: <https://www.watermarkinsights.com/client-resources/signon/>
- You might have to click “log in” twice.
- Please reach out to Watermark if you encounter any issues.

Their email is: support@watermarkinsights.com, and their customer service hotline is: 800-311-5656

Please don't hesitate to email or call me if you have any questions or concerns!

Good luck to you all! Thank you so much for your continued efforts!



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Lunar New Year – Year of the Snake

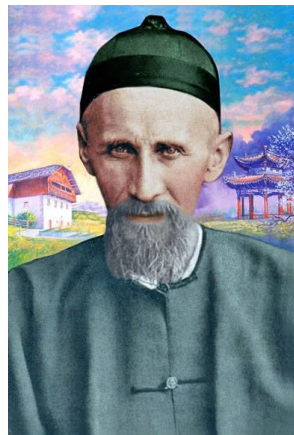
This Saturday, January 25, 2025, the Vietnamese Student Association (VSA) will organize the Lunar New Year celebration. This year is the Year of the Snake. According to the Chinese Zodiac, a snake “...is a cautious, introverted observer, cool and mysterious in behavior owing to their suspicious and insecure nature, yet their armor conceals abundant sensitivity, wisdom, and passion that will surely surprise their few confidants” (<https://chinesenewyear.net/zodiac/snake>). Recent years of the snake includes those who were born in 1953, 1965, 1977, 1989, 2001, and 2013.

Mass will begin at 2:00 p.m. in the main chapel celebrated by Fr. Thang Hoang, SVD, the chaplain for the VSA, assisted by Deacon Tin Vu, SVD. Fr. Bang Trang, SVD, the formation director at Divine Word Theologate, will be the homilist for the mass. The VSA extends their invitation to the Divine Word College community to join them for the celebration.

In preparation for the liturgy this weekend, there will be Liturgy Prep this Thursday, January 23, 2024 in the main chapel at 1:00 p.m. All students are required to attend. Please be there on time.

St. Joseph Freinademetz

On Wednesday, January 29, 2024, Divine Word College will be honoring the Feast Day of St. Joseph Freinademetz. He is the first missionary of the Society of the Divine Word sent to China. His missions in China involves educating and catechizing Chinese laymen and priest. His love for the people and the Chinese culture has brought many people to faith, and to appreciate him and his works until this day.



He died on January 28, 1908 due to laryngitis and tuberculosis, and was canonized as a saint on October 5, 2003 along with the founder, St. Arnold Janssen. For this, we will have a large community mass in honor of him. “*The language understood by people everywhere is the language of love.*”

Mass for Vocation

Next Thursday, January 30, 2025, there will be a monthly vocation mass organized by St. Joseph Freinademetz formation group. In this mass, Joseph Quang Vu, a candidate for the Divine Word Missionaries will be sharing his vocational story and journey. Vocation masses are important to us as their stories can draw a lot of inspiration to strengthen our vocational call. Please join us for this vocation mass and show your support to Joseph and members of St. Joseph Freinademetz.

Justice and Peace Committee



Year of Hope

Pope Francis has officially proclaimed 2025 as a Jubilee Year of Hope. Action is an important element in any kind of justice and peace work, but our actions need to be guided by HOPE. In order to find out more about what we can do to be Pilgrims of Hope, I invite you to watch a YouTube video that was done by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. To watch this video, please click here: <https://www.usccb.org/catholic-current/pilgrims-hope-and-holy-year-2025>

Divine Word College Night With Dubuque Fighting Saints Hockey



January 31
Gametime 7:05 pm

DWC Students = Free!
Faculty, Staff, SVD = \$13

Discounted Price

Students sign up on student board: Faculty, Staff, SVD see addendum in the LOG

Hockey Night

There is still time to get your tickets for the Divine Word College Night with Dubuque Fighting Saints Hockey!

DWC Students can attend FREE (sign-up **TODAY** on the student board). Fr. Tuan will arrange for transportation.

Faculty and staff receive a discounted rate on tickets. Click here to buy online: www.dubuquefightingsaints.com

- Click on “Tickets,” then “Single Game”
- Choose January 31 vs Fargo
- Apply promo code, “Divine13” and click “Apply”
- Select, “Find Tickets,” then select your seat and purchase

Hockey is fun to watch! Don’t miss this experience!

 Matthew Jacoby Library

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Intro to EBSCO Library Instruction Session

The library will hold its first instruction session of the Spring semester on Friday, January 24th in Room 107 at 1 PM.

Learn more about the new EBSCO user interface and how to perform basic searches. EBSCO is the library's largest content provider. The library subscribes to [20 databases](#) through EBSCO including Academic Search, Business Source, Health Source, Funk & Wagnalls New World Encyclopedia, and Newspaper Source. Faculty, students, and staff encouraged to attend this instruction session. Can't make it to the session? Watch these YouTube tutorials: [Introduction to the New EBSCOhost](#) and [Basic Search on the New EBSCO User Interfaces](#).



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Quick Start Directions:

1. Download *Libby* on your device
2. Search for Divine Word College (MOBIUS Consortium)
3. Enter your library card # and pin
4. Search for a title or browse lists

****Students**:** You can add another library card to *Libby*. All students have library cards at the Dubuque County Library District (DCLD). Your DCLD card number is the same as your DWC cardnumber. Learn about adding multiple library cards to Libby: <https://help.libbyapp.com/en-us/6009.htm>



PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE

LUNAR NEW YEAR 2025



Year of the Snake

JAN | 25 | 2 PM

Mass at 2 P. M., followed by the banquet and games
RSVP to Cong Nguyen via email: cnguyen@dwci.edu

* Donations will support the SVD Mission in Vietnam.

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DIVINE WORD COLLEGE NIGHT

JANUARY 31ST, 7:05PM

FIGHTING SAINTS VS FORCE

- 1 - Visit DubuqueFightingSaints.com
- 2 - Click on "Tickets," then "Single Game"
- 3 - Choose January 31st vs Fargo
- 4 - Apply promo code, "Divine13" then click, "Apply"
- 5 - Select, "Find Tickets," then select your seat and purchase

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