



Divine Word Missionaries
His Mission is Our Mission

Is Catholic Seminary Formation Right for You?

Did You Know?

There was a 76% increase in the number of people professing perpetual vows to religious life from 2015 to 2018.

According to the National Religious Vocation Conference

Catholic men enter a program called **formation** in a school called a **seminary** to prepare for ordination to the priesthood.

“I have called you by name; you are mine.”

Isaiah 43:1

What is Seminary Formation?

A seminary is the school you enter to help you prepare for ordination. **This process is called formation.** *Formation is for those who want to take the next steps toward answering God's call to religious life.*

College Seminary

- **Around 30** in the U.S.
- B.A. Degree
- 30 Semester Hours of Philosophy Required
- 12 Semester Hours of Theology Required
- Also Known as Pre-Seminary

Major Seminary

- **Around 40** in the U.S.
- Master of Divinity Degree (M.Div.)
- Required Theology Classes Needed for Ordination
- Optional Master of Arts in Specific Area of Theology

CONTACT

His mission is our mission...is it yours?
Let's find out together!

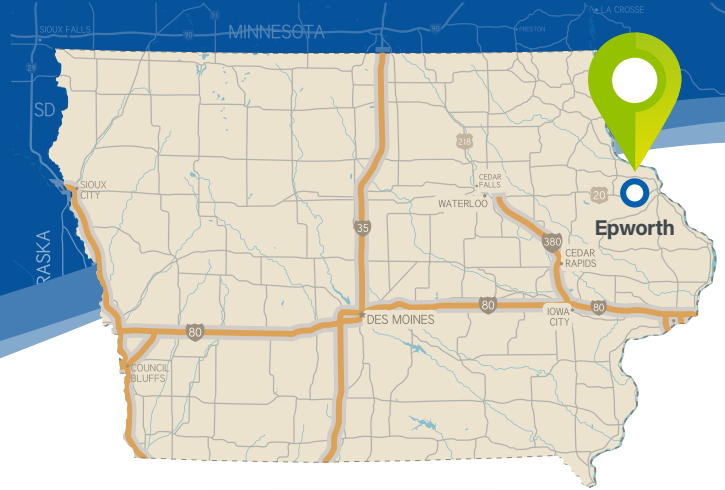
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Undergraduate Formation *at Divine Word College*

Divine Word College in Epworth, Iowa, is the only Roman Catholic college seminary in the United States with the primary mission of educating missionaries.



FIVE AREAS of Formation

While earning an undergraduate degree, each Society of the Divine Word (SVD) candidate joins a program which **focuses on five areas of formation:**



Spiritual

Spiritual formation encourages you to deepen your relationship with Jesus. In doing so, you'll acquire the listening and learning heart needed to be an effective missionary.



Human

Human formation emphasizes physical, psychological and emotional health. Learning to accept yourself as God's creation will help strengthen and improve the way you relate to others.



Intellectual

Intellectual formation extends to the classroom where the college's educational programs give you a comprehensive understanding of the mysteries of the Catholic faith, as well as a well-rounded liberal arts education. Studying theology will enable you to contemplate, share and communicate about the mysteries of faith.



Ministry

Ministry formation introduces you to the fundamental aspects of serving those in need. By connecting with people both inside and outside the college community through acts of charity, you'll gain a sense of what it means to be missionary.



Intercultural

Intercultural community formation develops respect and appreciation for other cultures. By interacting with others and being involved in the college community, you'll gain invaluable insight and understanding about people from around the world.

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Are you ready to speak to a Vocation Director?
We'd love to hear from you!

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Next Steps

If you want to learn more about entering the seminary or pursuing an Undergraduate Degree at Divine Word College, **follow these steps:**

1 Call or Email Us

Vocation Directors are here to walk with you on your religious journey. Call **800-553-3321** or email **svdvocations@dwci.edu**.

2 Visit dwci.edu

Explore the Divine Word College website to learn more about academics, admission, student life and more.

3 Complete an Online Assessment

Visit **vocationnetwork.org** to complete a short online assessment to help pair your interests with various religious communities.

4 Learn About Other Available Options

If you're a young, Catholic man looking to learn more about missionary priesthood, missionary brotherhood, becoming a Catholic missionary, or discernment, explore our other guides:

- Priesthood
- Brotherhood
- Missionary
- Discernment

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