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God Truly Does Work Through Us!

By Caleb Hanke

The Divine Word College Vocation Office sponsored the **2010 Mission Trip to Jamaica** for nine days in May. A team of four women and two men were led by Fr. Tony Romo, SVD, as they embarked on a journey that was enlightening, eye opening, and spiritually fulfilling.



The journey started for James and me at Wayne State College, where we met Fr. Tony Romo, SVD, for the first time. Fr. Tony was a guest speaker at the Newman Center and gave a presentation about his vocation as a missionary priest. His talk also covered his first trip to Jamaica and the experiences he encountered while doing the work of God. His talk ignited something in James and me, and before the end of the week; we were in contact with Fr. Tony and Mr. Len Uhal, National Vocation Director for the Divine Word Missionaries to sign up for the mission trip to Jamaica.

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A Meeting of Minds—Novices Compare Notes ICN Program

You might say that it's an exercise in flexibility. No, it's not a yoga class.

For a young man or woman deciding their commitment to religious life, the Intercommunity Novitiate (ICN) program, is an exercise in flexible thinking—and a chance to find out that they are not walking alone on the path of discernment. ICN programs can be found around the country, bringing together novices and directors from different religious congregations during the novitiate year. At Techny, the location for the Divine Word Missionaries' novitiate in the Northern Suburbs of Chicago, the weekly ICN meetings have been held on Tuesdays for the last several years. Congregations in the Chicago area as well as in Wisconsin, Indiana and Iowa come to hear top-flight speakers and discuss issues related to religious life. During the 2009-2010 academic year, approximately 40 novices and 25 directors took part.



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