



Savior Pastoral Center

DEAR TEC FAMILYBy Ronald Reiter, TEC Conference Executive Director

May the Lord bless us, our families, and the ministry of TEC immensely this Lenten Season. As we enter another Lent of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving may this time become a complete gift of self to God.

The experience of the TEC weekend certainly reminds us constantly of this dying to self process, rising to new life and the call to become His disciples to the young people we serve.

As a TEC Family, I invite us to unite our graced experience of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving this year, so the Holy Spirit can guide us in discerning His will for the TEC Movement. Fasting is about letting our physical hunger uncover our spiritual hunger. Fasting can be a way of allowing a greater release of the workings of the Spirit in our lives and the life of our TEC Family. God invites us to be His light in those places where darkness prevails.

As Ash Wednesday is celebrated on Wednesday, February 17 to help unfold for

us another Lenten season, let us hear the words of Joel 2:12-18 to invite the people to gather, to notify the congregation, assemble the elders to seek the Lord in repentance and intercession.

So let us use this special time of the Church season to set us free of sin, purify our hearts, and to perfect our will to see clearly God's plan for each of us and for the TEC Movement.

Whatever forms of prayer, fasting, or almsgiving you choose, know that Jesus is going to work wonders in our lives during these forty days of Lent.

Father, thank you for the many blessing you have provided for each of us and our TEC communities. Please show us the way, this Lenten season, to deepen our relationship with your son, Jesus, both in our personal prayer and through our TEC community.

In Christ,

Ronald Reiter

DEVELOPMENT NEWSBy Mary O'Brien, Development Assistant

Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. As we approach this holy season, consider a few of the following reflections and activities to help you and your family embrace the gift of Lent more fully:

Reflections:

- How can I more fully live my baptismal promise?
- Was I a disciple of Jesus yesterday/ today?
- What more can I do to assist the local TEC and the larger TEC community?

Activities:

- Identify a family Lenten activity and do one each of the 40 days
- Wake up 15 minutes earlier for a daily Lenten reflection
- Write wheat letters for an upcoming TEC weekend in another community

- Participate in the TEC Conference \$2 a day Lenten appeal

I/we truly hope you use these 40 days of Lent to reflect and prepare for Christ's resurrection!

Yes, it is also time for our second appeal which you will be receiving very soon in the mail! The TEC Conference staff, volunteer council and ministry team members pray that you are able to participate in this appeal. Our budgeted income amount for this appeal is \$4,000 and we believe you are generous enough to make this amount a reality. Once again, we are able to serve the TEC communities because of your generosity.

Gratefully,

Mary O'Brien

2010 TEC Congress "Sowing the Fields"

Kansas City, Kan.,
July 23-25, 2010

Please mark your calendars and make plans to join your TEC Family members at the 2010 TEC Congress. This gathering will take place at the Savior Pastoral Center in Kansas City, Kan. Plans are already taking shape and more information will be available in early March on the TEC Conference Web site:

www.TECConference.org

Spiritual Directors Workshop June 21-24, 2010

L aSalle Retreat center in Wildwood, Mo., is the site for the next Spiritual Directors workshop, June 21-24, 2010. Mark your calendars now!

Price is set at \$275 and new material will be presented. To download a brochure, please go to the TEC Conference Web site:

www.TECConference.org

TEC Family Happenings! Are you involved yet?

A QUILT FULL OF MEMORIES BY MARIE COLBERT

Fr. James Brown has always been an important part of my family. He has been there for numerous members of the family as they faced the crises of life -- death, breaks in relationships, affliction -- and the joys of life -- births, marriages etc. As he has entered into a new season of life, a bit far from many of us, I wanted to give him something personal and practical as well as a gentle reminder of a life well lived and well loved. Thus, I decided to make him a lap blanket filled with pictures from his life and those he has touched. Although this started as something that hopefully would bless him, it became a process that totally blessed me. As I contacted members of Fr. Brown's family and those he has worked with including TEC, St. Joseph's youth group and various monasteries, I came to know Fr. Jim in a so much bigger way. I read many of his short stories and learned about his many different lives.



Then my problem became how to choose which pictures to use as the quilt could not be big enough to display his vast experiences. With the help of a wonderful friend who is also an excellent quilter, the quilt was designed using the motif of the rosary which the Augustine order wears about their waist when they are in their monk garb. I picked the liturgical colors (green, purple and gold) to surround this as I felt they express so well his life...ordinary times surrounded by times of preparation and celebration. The pictures include family, work at TEC including the presentation of the manual to the Pope and a picture of the cover of the TEC manual (one project close to Fr Jim's heart), various places where he has served like Boys Town, St. Joseph Church including a testimony from a youth leader there, and monasteries where he has served or taught. And the title of the quilt -- A Celebration of a Lifetime of Love -- just came naturally. Being part of this has been such a joy to me. A big thank you to all who have helped.



HIDDEN GAME 2/17/10-We have a winner! Patty Frana TEC Director/TEC council rep. Arch. of Dubuque!

In this February issue of the *Stay Connected* we've hidden a word and it's scrambled! Look for the highlighted letters throughout this newsletter and arrange these letters to make the word we are looking for. If you are the **sixth** person to reply to Mary O'Brien at: obrien2176@aol.com with the correct word, you will win a prize and get your name published in the next edition of the *Stay Connected*. January's winner was Raymond Krawczyk, Diocese of Lansing, Mich. **Congratulations, Raymond!**

SPOTLIGHT COMMUNITY

In each *TEC Communicator* issue, we would like to spotlight a different community. Will your community be next? Has attending a TEC Conference workshop or Congress renewed your center? Is there a strong follow-through program happening locally? Please share this information for the good of the greater TEC Family by contacting us at:



636-933-9233

office@TECConference.org

2010 SPIRIT OF TEC AWARDS

Don't forget to get your nominations in for the **2010 Spirit of TEC Awards**. Nomination forms went out via e-mail to all community contacts and spiritual directors. Forms and photos are due back to the TEC Conference office by **April 15**. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the TEC Conference office. We are happy to help!

TEC CONFERENCE DIRECTORY

If your community changes contacts or spiritual directors or adds/updates TEC Weekend dates, please let us know!

To see the listing of 2010 TEC weekends, go to the TEC Conference Web site:

[www.tecconference.org/
Upcoming_Weekends.html](http://www.tecconference.org/Upcoming_Weekends.html)

BEST PRACTICES!

There are several ideas that are now available on the TEC Conference Web site. **More to come!**

Those centers that are **affiliated with the TEC Conference** can call or e-mail the TEC Conference for the username and password.

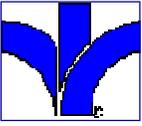
If you have an **idea, practice, form, schedule** or **other items** of general interest, you are invited to send it to:

bestpractices@TECConference.org

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TEC CONFERENCE PARTNERS IN MINISTRY

These religious communities have joined our **Partners in Ministry** program and offer continual prayer support for the TEC Movement. To have your religious community featured here and on the TEC Conference Web site, contact (636) 933-9233 or office@TECConference.org.

	<p>Sisters of Bon Secours Contact: Sr. Pat Dowling, CBS - 1525 Marriottsville Rd., Marriottsville, Md. 21104 - Phone: (877) 742-0277</p>		<p>Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul Contact: Sr. Theresa Sullivan, D.C. - 9400 New Harmony Road, Evansville, Ind. 47720 - Phone: (812) 963-7556 e-mail: daughtersofcharityvocations@gmail.com Web site: www.daughters-of-charity.com/</p>
	<p>Sisters of St. Francis of the Immaculate Conception Contact: Sr. Paula Vasquez, OSF - 2408 W. Heading Ave. Peoria, Ill. 61604 - Phone: (309) 674-6168 e-mail: srpaulav@yahoo.com Web site: www.westpeoriasisters.org</p>		<p>Sisters of St. Benedict of Ferdinand, Indiana Contact: Sr. Michelle Sinkhorn or Sr. Agnes Marie Dauby 802 E. 10th St., Ferdinand, Ind. 47532 Phone: (812) 367-1411 - e-mail: vocation@thedome.org Web site: www.thedome.org</p>
	<p>Sisters of St. Benedict Contact: Sr. Anne DeMers, OSB - St. Benedict Monastery 620 Summit Ave., Crookston, Minn. 56716 Phone: (218) 281-3441 e-mail: ademers@msb.net Web site: www.msb.net</p>	<h2 style="text-align: center;">TEC Conference Workshops</h2> <p>To take part in a workshop, contact the TEC Conference office: Phone: 636-933-9233 - E-mail: office@TECConference.org</p>	
	<p>Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth Contact: Sr. Pat Dotzauer, S.C. P.O. Box 476 Convent Station, N.J. 07961-0476 e-mail: pdotzauer@scnj.org - Web site: www.SCNJ.org</p>		
	<p>Josephite Vocations 1200 Varnum Street NE, Washington, DC 20017 phone: 202-832-9100 e-mail: vocations@josephite.com Web site: www.josephite.com</p>	<p>Renewing the Vision of TEC: Shares a renewed vision of TEC's spiritual processes outlined in the manual; invites deeper conversion, thus building/strengthening TEC communities; rekindles a deeper sense of commitment to Christ as a community of disciples; and fosters collaborative relationships within and between diocese and TEC centers which are necessary to further the TEC Movement.</p>	
	<p>Redemptoristine Nuns For more information contact: phone: 636-464-1093 e-mail: rednun@redemptoristinenuns.org Web site: www.redemptoristinenuns.org</p>		<p>Spiritual Directors: Promotes a deeper understanding of theological process of the TEC Movement through Scripture, Eucharist, doctrine and witness; explores the various roles of the TEC spiritual director, including: discernment and formation of TEC teams; mentor and spiritual leader for both adults and young people; and liaison to the bishop, clergy and religious within the diocese; and network and share ideas with other TEC spiritual directors.</p>
	<p>Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth Sr. Sharon Smith, SCL - 4200 South 4th Street Leavenworth, Kan. 66048 - Phone: 913-758-6522 e-mail: ssmith@scsls.org Web site: http://www.scsls.org</p>	<p>Team Formation: Reinforces the central spirituality of the weekend, Paschal Mystery Spirituality; strengthens team preparation; increases awareness of the importance of the TEC community in giving weekends; assists in unifying and preparing a team in giving a TEC weekend; and improves in discerning the gifts of members of the TEC community for the good of all.</p>	
	<p>Divine Word Missionaries Mr. Len Uhal - PO Box 380 Epworth, Iowa 52045 Phone: 800-553-3321 e-mail: svdvocations@dwci.edu Web site: www.svdvocations.org</p>		
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