



Spiritual Directors Workshop June 21-24, 2010

Registration Deadline: June 7

Register today! LaSalle Retreat center in Wildwood, Mo., is the site for the Spiritual Directors workshop. Price is set at \$275. To download a brochure, please go to the TEC Conference Web site:

www.TECConference.org



2010 TEC Congress "Sowing the Fields"

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

Registration Deadline: July 9

Don't delay! Register today 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. Congress brochure available on the TEC Conference Web site:

www.TECConference.org

Speakers and topics include:

Shawn Madden "Seed & Sower"
Paula Sanning "Soil"
Fr. Mitchell Zimmerman "Harvest"

DEAR TEC FAMILYBy Ronald Reiter, TEC Conference Executive Director



The Holy Spirit continues to guide the TEC Movement and as we celebrate Pentecost may we be fully aware of and thankful for that guidance of the Spirit. May we respond to the ongoing invitation of the Spirit, in order to strengthen ourselves and the TEC community, thereby becoming a more effective tool of evangelization in the diocese.

As our TEC Family continues to grow, seeking greater visibility in the Church, enhancing our relationship with the Bishops, and deepening present partnerships or creating new ones in youth ministry we'll be called to greater accountability in what we present as TEC in our diocese.

In the last four years, there has been a large percentage (55-60%) of turnover in leadership roles, lay and spiritual director, in our TEC Family. How has that turnover in leadership in a TEC community been handled? Who is responsible for ongoing formation and training of the new leaders? Are the new leaders, lay and spiritual, aware of the vast resources in workshops and materials that are available through the TEC Conference? What spiritual formation and training is needed by your TEC community?

TEC Conference Workshops

1. "Spiritual Directors". The fourth one will be held June 21-24, 2010 in St. Louis. See pages 2 and 3 for more information.

DEVELOPMENT NEWS!By Mary O'Brien, Development Assistant

Happy MAY! Can you believe it? May is the month for many graduations and weddings! Have you ever thought about making a gift in honor and celebration for someone special? I hope you will take a moment and reflect on how many lives will be touched by your generosity to the TEC Conference.

M = Movement
A = Assisting
Y = Youth & Young Adult

I cannot thank you enough for all the "MAY"

2. "Renewing the Vision". Designed to assist TEC communities in the use of the TEC Manual, and in forming a core team to guide the community.

3. "Communities of Faith and Follow Through". Designed to assist in building up and strengthening the evangelizing and ministering communities. It also covers the role of the Spiritual Director, the core team, networking with other youth ministry organizations in a diocese, and mentoring the young people we are serving.

4. "Team Formation". Designed to assist with preparing a team and the community for a TEC weekend. What is the material that should be covered during team meetings? What is the role of the TEC community and how does it enter into this preparation time? How is the diocese a part of the weekend?

There are some single day workshops designed to assist in meeting specific needs for team members, lay directors, conference room and wheat team, and resource table leaders, that can be a huge support for any TEC community.

What are your specific needs? How can the TEC Conference collaborate with you to assist in strengthening your ministry to the young people you serve? How can we work together to make the TEC ministry the strongest evangelizing tool in your diocese?

In Christ,

Ronald Reiter

that you do for TEC. I ask you to continue blessing the Conference with a monetary gift in MAY with those loved ones you wish to honor.

Thank you for your generous response to our Lenten appeal. The budget for this appeal for the 2009-2010 fiscal year was \$4,000 and we received \$7,817. Thank you!

Hope to see you in July at the Congress!

Gratefully,

Mary O'Brien

TEC Family Happenings! Are you involved yet?

SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS WORKSHOP SCHEDULE.....

Bishop Callahan and Fr. James Brown sent letters in early March to all of the TEC center spiritual directors inviting them to this workshop. Follow up calls will be taking place over the next two weeks with another invitation to take part in this important workshop. If your communities' spiritual director is not able to attend, please consider having your TEC center represented by a religious sister, deacon, or lay person in a leadership role.

Monday, June 21, 2010

4 to 5:30 p.m. Welcome & Intro Session
5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Dinner
7 to 9 p.m. Qualities of the TEC Spiritual Director

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

"Role of the Spiritual Director on a TEC Weekend"

8 a.m. Breakfast
9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Paschal Mystery Spirituality
12 to 1:30 p.m. Lunch
2 to 5 p.m. Presenting Paschal Mystery to Youth; TEC Spiritual Process Day 1
4:30 p.m. Eucharist
5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Dinner
8:30 p.m. Evening free

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

8 a.m. Breakfast
9 a.m. to 12 p.m. God Community of Love/Trinity/Covenant Rite
12 to 1:30 p.m. Lunch
2 to 3:30 p.m. TEC Spiritual Process Day 2 & 3

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4 p.m. Eucharist
5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Dinner
"Role of the Spiritual Director in the TEC Movement"
7 to 9 p.m. Ministry Description; TEC as Evangelizing Community; Team Model Approach
9 p.m. Evening free

Thursday, June 24, 2010

7:30 a.m. Eucharist
8:15 a.m. Breakfast
"Role of the Spiritual Director in TEC Movement"...(cont.)
9 to 11:30 a.m. Community of Disciples; TEC & Youth Ministry; TEC Follow-through; Follow up to this workshop
11:30 a.m. Questions & Evaluation
Closing Prayer
12:30 p.m. Lunch



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HIDDEN GAME

In this May 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 **third** person to reply to Mary O'Brien at:

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with the correct word, you will win a prize and get your name published in the next edition of the *Stay Connected*. The March winner was **Maria Kerwin of Springfield TEC**. Thanks for playing and congratulations!

SPOTLIGHT!

In each *TEC Communicator* issue, we would like to spotlight a different community. Will your community be next? Please share information about the great things happening in your community for the good of the greater TEC Family. Contacting the TEC Conference at: 636-933-9233

or

office@TECConference.org

SPRINGFIELD TEC ONE-DAY WORKSHOP

Springfield TEC held a one-day workshop April 24, 2010 at Little Flower parish in Springfield, Ill., lead by TEC Conference Executive Director, Ron Reiter. Seven participants gathered for the purpose of training, formation and education. Material covered during this workshop included: spiritual processes of the TEC Movement; Paschal Mystery Spirituality; role of the directors before, during, and after the TEC weekend; role of the TEC community as an evangelizing and ministering community; follow through after the TEC weekends; evaluation of the team, team meetings, recruiting process, and

the candidates themselves; and importance of team/community building.

Workshop participants left to right: Claire Smith, Kris Kerwin, Maria Kerwin, Kevin Collings, Mary Przada, Mitzi Loftus and Gene Rupnik.



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.

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 <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>	 <p>Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers Contact: Maryknoll Fathers & Brothers PO Box 304, Maryknoll, NY 10545-0304 Phone: (888) 627-9566 Web site: www.maryknollsociety.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.SCNI.org</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>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>Redemptoristine Nuns For more information contact: phone: 636-464-1093 e-mail: rednun@redemptoristinenuns.org Web site: www.redemptoristinenuns.org</p>	 <p>Communities of Faith & Follow-Through: Empowers TEC leaders to become reflective and discerning, not just doing leaders; calls them to deeper conversion, thus building or strengthening TEC centers; moves TEC leaders and communities toward more effective ministry with the Church's young people; shares a vision for Post-TEC weekend follow-through; and fosters a collaborative relationship within and between diocese and TEC centers which are necessary to further the TEC Movement.</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@scls.org Web site: http://www.scls.org</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>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>	 <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>Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, Br. John O'Hara, SA Graymoor, Box 300, Garrison, N.Y. 10524 Web site: www.atonementfriars.org Phone: 1-800-338-2620 ext. 2126 e-mail: vocdirector@atonementfriars.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>Edmund Rice Christian Brothers Br. James McDonald, C.F.C. 10001 S. Pulaski Road, Room 111, Chicago, Ill. 60655 Phone: 773-429-4496 - e-mail: bromaccfc@yahoo.com Web site: www.erbrothers.org</p>	
 <p>Home Mission Sisters of America, Inc. (Glenmary Sisters) Mrs. Barbara O'Nan PO Box 22264 - Owensboro, Ky. 42304 Phone: 800-301-2689 - e-mail: Barbara@glenmarysisters.org Web site: www.glenmarysisters.org</p>	
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