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An online newsletter for the worldwide TEC Family

TEC Family Encounters Christ Through Mary at 2007 Congress



What a beautiful weekend in southern Missouri for our second annual TEC Congress, July 13-15! Over 100 people representing 26 faith communities gathered together from as far away as Minnesota and Florida to Arizona and Kentucky.

Appropriately, the Congress was held at Notre Dame Regional High School in Cape Girardeau, where we continue to seek God's will for the TEC Movement. **Through the intercession of the Blessed Mother, we recognized that we are called to be a "community of believers...of one heart and mind" as Acts 4:32 says.** We gathered for prayer, fellowship, networking, sharing of ideas and experiences, and listening to the witness speakers whose words help to light the path for TEC's future. Here are some reflections from these speakers:

- "It's exciting to be around people who want to talk and share about Jesus Christ, especially at this Congress in honor of the Blessed Mother. I want to talk to you about how TEC fits into the larger Church...**TEC is fundamentally and consistently Catholic:**

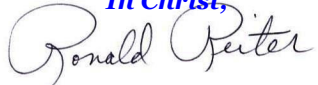
incorporating the Paschal Mystery and liturgy throughout the whole weekend." ~ Brad Colvis, associate director, office of evangelization, Peoria, Ill. Diocese

- "Mary's example shows us how to be true servants and handmaids of the Lord. She is the Mother of Presence; Mother of Obedience; Mother of Persevering Forgiveness; Mother of Resurrection Joy; and Mother of Eucharistic Living. **For the TEC Family, there is much joy in coming to know Mary as a disciple and friend. Her one desire is to lead us to Jesus and our Father.** ~ Sr. Jacque Schroeder, OSF, TEC Conference Spiritual Director.
- "TEC has a unique position in the Church: **to help youth and young encounter Jesus Christ in light of the Paschal Mystery.** This is our charge and our focus as leaders in the TEC Movement." ~ Deacon Bob Sondag, Peoria TEC Spiritual Director

While the above speakers touched on the importance of discipleship, using Mary's example, the Congress delegate session identified the tools needed to effectively

live out this discipleship. The 50+ delegates met with the TEC Conference leadership on Saturday afternoon to discuss both the blessings and challenges currently facing the TEC Movement. Each community was then given a resource guide and the new "TEC: Past, Present & Future" DVD to help renew and build TEC in their dioceses. **In addition, all were invited to the 2008 TEC Congress, "A Prayer of Wheat," Aug. 1-3 at the Spiritual Life Center in Wichita, Kan.**

In conclusion, we are invited to walk daily in prayer, allow the Lord to guide us, and be united in all we do. **"We are one body, one body in Christ, and we do not stand alone,"** as Dana's theme song from World Youth Day '93 tells us. The TEC Family is a community of communities seeking God's will. He moves us into what may be uncharted territory for us, but not for God. He has already been there. Our ministry requires us to recognize His presence, and follow Him as one body.

In Christ,

TEC Conference Director

TEC Spiritual Directors Gather for Workshop, LaSalle Retreat Center, Wildwood, Mo.



Thank to each of the 26 priests, religious, deacons and lay leaders who united in prayer and partnership for the third Spiritual Directors workshop, June 25-28. We were blessed to have TEC Founders Fr. Matthew Fedewa and Dorothy Gereke; and TEC Manual Editor Fr. James Brown, OAR on the presenting team.

Insights from TEC's Patron Saint

"Be not afraid to tell Jesus that you love Him; even though it be without feeling, this is the way to oblige Him to help you, and carry you like a little child too feeble to walk."

St. Therese of Lisieux, pray for your TEC Family!

TEC Family Reminders...

JOIN TEC FAMILY ADORATION:

Has your community joined our Eucharistic Adoration prayer campaign yet? For more information, check out: www.TECConference.org/TECFamilyAdoration.htm

EXTRA COPIES OF NEW TEC DVD AVAILABLE

The Conference recently presented each TEC community and U.S. bishop with a complimentary copy of its new DVD, "TEC: Past, Present & Future." Extra copies are available from the office for \$15 each.

WORKSHOP PROJECTOR NEEDED

We invite you to prayerfully discern donating this much needed item to the TEC Conference to assist us in our faith formation workshops and annual Congress:

- LCD Projector (new or gently used)

TEC Conference Italy Pilgrimage



**Nov. 11-20
Assisi, Florence, Rome,
Siena & Vatican City**

Contact: [Catholic Trips](http://CatholicTrips.com)
(877) GOD-TRIP
www.TECConference.org/2007Pilgrimage.htm

Communities of Faith & Follow-Through



**Aug. 9-11
Lumen Christi High School &
Holy Family Cathedral
Anchorage, Alaska**
Contact: [Theresa Lutes](mailto:TheresaLutes.com)
(907) 646-3025
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**Oct. 5-7
Camp Eppley,
Bellevue, Neb.**
Contact: [Greg Schwietz](mailto:GregSchwietz@aol.com)
(402) 493-8576 or
imgregs@aol.com

**Oct. 26-28
Holy Family
Catholic Church
Caledonia, Mich.**
Contact: [TEC Conference](mailto:TECConferenceOffice@TECConference.org)
(636) 933-9233 or
office@TECConference.org

Preorder New TEC DVDs: 2007 Spiritual Directors Workshop and Congress

Select live presentations from the Spiritual Directors workshop and 2007 Congress are currently being compiled into two DVD series; ideal for gaining a deeper understanding of the wider vision and theology behind the TEC Movement. The following presentations, due out later this fall, can be pre-ordered by contacting the TEC Conference office.

TEC Congress: Mary Guide to Perfect Discipleship

- Retreat Experience (Mary, prayer and discipleship)
 - Building An Adult Faith Community
 - TEC: Building Partnerships in the Larger Church
- (Can either be purchased individually for \$25 each or as a series for \$65)*

Spiritual Directors Workshop

- Role of the TEC Spiritual Director (\$70, two-disc set)
 - Paschal Mystery Spirituality (\$35)
 - Spiritual Processes of TEC (\$70, two discs)
 - TEC & Youth/Young/Adult Ministry (\$70, two discs)
- (Series = \$200; or \$100 for participants and their centers)*