



## The TEC Movement - 2012 . . . . .by Ronald Reiter

Dear TEC Family,

Happy New Year and welcome to 2012.

Give us the kindness to hear with compassion, to offer support, loving comfort, and care.

Give us the courage to do what is needed, the wisdom to choose what is right and most fair.

Give us the vision to see what is possible.

Give us the faith that will help pave the way for a present that is hopeful, a future that is peaceful- give us the heart to bring joy to each day.

This is a prayer through which God will bless you and your TEC Community with faith, hope, and wisdom.

What is possible for us as a TEC Movement in 2012? Everything is possible with our Lord at the helm of our own personal life and as the model and leader of our TEC Community.

In Ephesians 5:14 "And Jesus Christ shall give thee light." He is our candle bearer, the one with the key to open many doors, but one must KNOCK, ONE MUST LIGHT THE CANDLE, ONE MUST TAKE ACTION, and then combined with prayer and action great results will happen. The successes will be overwhelming, beyond belief, and give us pause to be thankful.

What are the steps we need to take this year for our own renewal, and the renewal and rebirth of our TEC family? Who are the new leaders in our TEC communities that we can invite to share their gifts and talents with the whole TEC family?

John 12:24; "Unless a grain falls to the ground and dies, it is but a grain of wheat, but if it dies it will bear much fruit." What do we need and what do our TEC Communities need to die to, to let go of? Who and what do we need to embrace to bring new life for our self and our TEC Community?

Please take time during the early part of this year 2012 to reflect on these questions. Invite others in your TEC Community to share in the dialoguing that will take place to strengthen our TEC family.

The song that Dana wrote, "We are one Body" for Pope John Paul II visit to Denver in 1995 is filled with insights and words to give us for reflection. "We are one Body, one body in Christ and we do not stand alone." We are the TEC Conference, a Community of Communities, and our source of strength is our unity of purpose and vision. We do not, nor can we stand alone separated from our brothers and sisters in Christ. The TEC Congress, our family gathering, is coming up August 3-4-5, 2012 in St. Peter, Minnesota. **HAVE YOU MARKED YOUR CALENDAR YET? WHO IS REPRESENTING YOUR TEC COMMUNITY? WHO IS PRAYING FOR THEM? HOW ARE THEY BEING SUPPORTED?**

You are all a gift to the TEC Movement. Please share that gift with the larger TEC Family and the larger Church. See you in Minnesoooota!

Have a blessed New Year!

TEC Conference – Executive Director

**Webinar "Evangelizing and  
Ministering Community"  
Friday  
January 27th, 5:30 pm CST**

Please check out the link below to connect with the presentation. People are welcomed to log on at 5:00 pm, cst.

**Meeting Number: 633 517 251**

**This meeting does not require a password.**

<https://sirius.webex.com/sirius/j.php?J=633517251>

**2012 TEC Congress**



*Riverbend TEC*  
invites you to

*"Tending the Vine"*

*TEC Congress 2012*  
*August 3-5, 2012*

*Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter MN*

## Pass It on.....A Note from Brenda Barnickel, Peterstown TEC

“Always Loved, Always Remembered”

These are the words on the home page of the official website that is now up and ready for all donations that will go towards a special project in remembrance of Captain Thomas Heitmann. I encourage you to visit [http://capttjhme-morial.com/Home\\_Page.html](http://capttjhme-morial.com/Home_Page.html) and ask you to consider giving a donation to this special cause. Members of our TEC family are involved in this fundraiser. A formal fundraising event is also being planned. Details will be shared in a future TEC Newsletter.

Here are a few excerpts from the site:

“Captain Heitmann, Tom to his friends, was a member of the Saint Bede Academy graduating class of 2002 (Peru, Illinois). “While at St. Bede, Tom lettered four years in football with three years in track and one in basketball. He was a part of the most successful football team in the Academy’s history and was inducted with his team into SBA’s Hall of Fame. He was also the 2002 News Tribune Boys Track and Field Athlete of the Year; he still holds two of St. Bede’s track and field records. “Tom was involved in the arts as well; he was a four-year choir member and cast in the Academy’s musicals. “On top of the arts and athletics, Tom was also active in his faith, serving as a Eucharistic minister at the Academy and participating in TEC (Teens Encounter Christ).

“In honor of our good friend, the Saint Bede Academy graduating class of 2002 is working towards a dedication gift to the Academy as a memorial in Tom’s name. “Plans are underway to purchase a new scoreboard for the football field, including a plaque immortalizing our fallen friend, Captain Thomas John Heitmann.”



Pass It On . . Give from the heart . . . In a true hero’s memory.

## R.I.P. Bernie Maurer.....Mike Lentz, Central Minnesota TEC

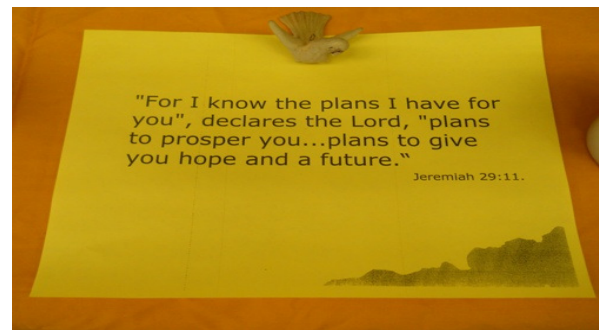
Happy Rise Day Bernie Maurer! Bernie (age 81) passed away Tuesday, January 18 in Little Falls. The Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday, January 23 at 11 AM at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Little Falls.

There are a handful of people/families that are responsible for TEC’s success and growth in the early years. Bernie, along with his wife Helen, were very instrumental to TEC’s establishment in the late 70’s and early 80’s. The majority of the Maurer family made TEC weekends and worked on dozens and dozens of weekends.

Bernie made CM 3 and then returned to direct the wheat team on CM 4 and 5. He served as an assistant lay director on CM 6 and then directed the conference room with his wife, Helen, at least 10 times over the next 18 months. Quite simply, the Maurer family set a tone of care and service that has been part of TEC ever since. They called forth and mentored new directors who in turn trained many of our current directors. Bernie and Helen directed my first TEC weekend and I have many fond memories of working with Bernie, Helen and many of the Maurer family members.

Thank you Bernie for your contributions to Central Minnesota TEC! Peace, blessings and TEC hugs to the family and friends of Bernie.

## LOUtec Workshop



January 6-8, 2012, a "Communities of Faith and Follow Through" workshop was held with two communities being there. LOUtec, the newly forming TEC community in the Archdiocese of Louisville, Kentucky, and Western Kentucky TEC were both represented. SWITEC, Southwestern Indiana TEC, has been reaching out supporting this emerging new TEC community. LOUtec is scheduled to hold its first TEC weekend August 4-6, 2012. Please keep them in prayer during this preparation time as they recruit team members and candidates for the weekend.

Also, another newly forming TEC community, TEC of Central Texas, will hold their first TEC weekend March 17-19, 2012. TEC New Orleans has been assisting them in getting started.

**Thanks to TEC New Orleans and SWITEC for their outreach and prayer support to help both TEC communities get started.**

### 2012 Spirit of TEC Awards

Don't forget to get your nominations in for the **2012 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 March 15th.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

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### Welcome our new Partner In Ministry



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Please let the TEC Conference know your 2012 weekend dates (if you haven't already done so). We need these for the new 2012 Directory coming out, also to put on the TEC Conference website and most importantly, we do not want to miss sending you wheat letters.

Have you made plans to go to the 2012 Congress in St. Peter, Minnesota? Mark your calendars. August 3-5, 2012 Please join us!

Did you receive your Spirit of TEC award nomination form? If you have not, please contact the TEC Conference office so we can send you one. This information needs to be sent to us by March 15, 2012.

If you haven't sent in all of your weekend statistics for 2011, please send them to the TEC Conference. If you are not sure that you sent them in, please contact us and we will let you know. Remember to send your 2012 weekend statistics in as well.

## TEC Conference Partners in Ministry

These religious communities have joined our Partners in Ministry program and offer continual prayer support for the TEC Movement. Please contact us to have your religious community featured here and on the TEC Conference.

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