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The Best is Yet to Come for the TEC Movement

Dear TEC Family,

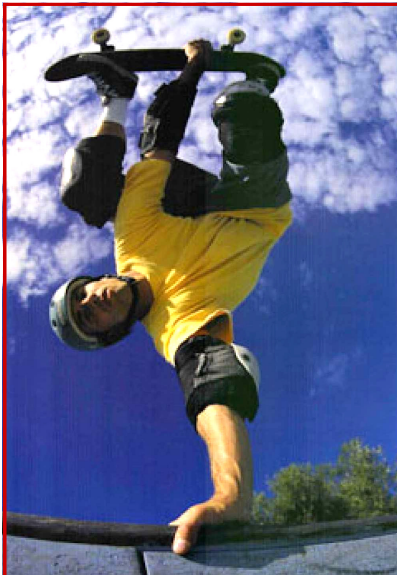
May the Lord open my mind, my lips and my heart, so that I may see the Word of God all around me today. Let me be open to giving witness to that Word in voice and action. A couple of weeks ago, as I worked in the TEC office, three young boys were skateboarding on the sidewalk and steps out front. They were filled with lots of energy and enthusiasm. They weren't wearing any head, knee or elbow protection either as they banged against the door, fell on the sidewalk and got back up to do it all over again.

You could tell they were new at what they were doing. They had chosen not to seek out help from someone who had some experience in the art of skateboarding. This went on for about 20 minutes or so, and finally it got quiet as they moved on to another adventure in their young lives. Mary and I laughed a little about their efforts and went on with our work.

As I reflected on the experience, I got to thinking about TEC and how I had at one point approached our ministry in the same way. I certainly was quite enthused, but didn't know much about the spiritual principles that supported what I was doing and didn't seek out the experience or support of others. I also didn't use prayer as my means of preparation or protection in the ministry I was called to. **Yes, I know that TEC far outweighs skateboarding in importance. But, I believe the Lord used these boys to remind me how important preparation and ongoing spiritual formation are when serving His young people in TEC.**

"A couple of weeks ago, outside of the TEC office, three young boys were skateboarding. They were filled with lots of energy and enthusiasm, but weren't wearing any protective gear. I got to thinking about TEC and how I had once approached our ministry in the same way. I was certainly quite enthused, but didn't use prayer for preparation and protection."

Over this past weekend, I was reminded again how important it is to be prepared. On Saturday evening, I was at a live concert with Roger Williams, considered one of the all-time great pianists. He burst on the scene in 1955 and has a number of great piano classics. "Autumn Leaves," "Maria," "Born Free" and "The Impossible Dream" are but a few of his 22 hits that span four decades.



Are we prepared for the adventures God has in store for the TEC Movement?

I watched as he played the piano at age 83 with great intensity, commitment and passion. He was totally given to the ministry he had been called to since the age of three. The support of the violins, flutes, trumpets, clarinets, horns, tuba, harp and the percussion section revealed the preparation that is needed to perform well. These instruments helped him create such a beautiful crescendo of music that words can't describe it.

Aren't we as a TEC Family called to this same passion, commitment and preparation? How will our Lord respond to us as we prepare for a TEC weekend in this manner? Need I answer that? **We all know that by the grace of God and the highest level of preparation possible, the music played that weekend will be so powerful and enriching it will be embraced eagerly.** What we're doing, after all, is recording a song of God's love for the young people of our Church.

I believe that for TEC, "the best is yet to come." Join us in the TEC Family Adoration Prayer Campaign, connect with the Conference about hosting a workshop and attend the 2008 TEC Congress, Aug. 1-3 in Wichita, Kan. Come along for the adventure!

In Christ,

Ron Reiter, TEC Conference Director

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New TEC DVDs

2007 Spiritual Directors Workshop Series

- Role of the TEC Spiritual Director (\$70, two-disc set);
 - Paschal Mystery Spirituality (\$35, one disc);
 - Spiritual Processes of TEC (\$70, two-discs); and
 - TEC & Youth/Young Adult Ministry (\$70, two-discs).
- The series prices is \$200 (or \$100 if your center was represented)*

2007 Congress Series:

“Mary: Our Guide to Perfect Discipleship”

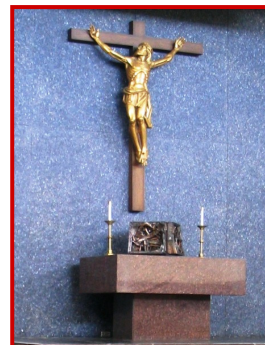
- Retreat Experience (on Mary’s example of prayer & discipleship);
 - Forming an Adult Faith Community and TEC Community of Disciples; and
 - TEC: Building Partnerships in the Larger Church.
- The series price is \$65, or \$25 for individual segments*

TEC: Past, Present & Future DVD

This all-new, four segment DVD produced by Paul Sasso provides a dynamic look at the TEC Movement’s history; present endeavors and future goals. Other features includes an eight-minute segment perfect for development and recruitment purposes; and material from the previously produced TEC Recruitment and Founders videos; cost: \$15.00 per DVD.

To order, contact the TEC Conference office at (636) 933-9233 or office@TECConference.org. You can also place orders and preorders online at: www.TECConference.org/GiftShop.htm

Have you adored Him lately?



JOIN TEC FAMILY ADORATION:

Has your community joined our Eucharistic Adoration prayer campaign yet? Pick a day or join one of the five TEC communities across the nation already adoring our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament:

- **Northwest:** first Wednesdays;
- **Spirit of St. Louis:** first Tuesdays & Thursdays;
- **Peoria:** first Wednesdays;
- **Miami:** fourth Saturdays; and
- **Western Kentucky:** second Mondays.

For more information, check out:
www.TECConference.org/TECFamilyAdoration.htm

Insights from Our Patron Saint

“Lord Jesus, I see myself as a weak little bird...but I have an eagle’s eyes and heart. In spite of my littleness, I dare to gaze upon the Divine Sun, the Sun of Love, and my heart soars like an eagle to fly toward you.

What shall I do with such small wings?



I shall not be troubled. With bold surrender and cheerful confidence, I shall continue gazing upon the Divine Sun. Nothing will frighten me, - not the wind nor the rain, nor even dark clouds. For I know that beyond any clouds is Your Light.

St. Therese, pray for your TEC Family!

TEC Family Happenings...

Communities of Faith & Follow-Through



Oct. 26-28
Holy Family Catholic Church, Caledonia, Mich.

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2008 TEC Congress: A Prayer of Wheat



Aug. 1-3, 2008
Spiritual Life Center
Wichita, Kan.

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www.TECConference.org/2008Congress.htm