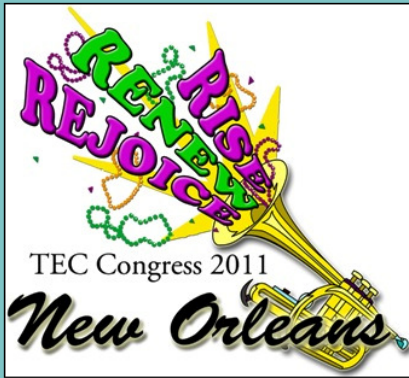




2011 TEC Congress



July 15-17, 2011
New Orleans, La.

Rise, Renew, Rejoice!

Pascal Mystery Spirituality calls each of us to die to whatever keeps us from Christ so we may Rise with Him. Likewise, **our local TEC communities are summoned to rise and celebrate the gift that we have in TEC and the ways that Christ is giving us an experience of Renewal.** Seeds of hope have been scattered on the good soil of our TEC Family and this alone is reason to celebrate this renewal and to Rejoice with the Risen Lord!

Happy 45th Anniversary!

Did you know?

The weekend of Oct. 9-11, 2010 marked the 45th anniversary of the first TEC weekend held in Battle Creek, Mich. in 1965.

Thank you, Fr. Matt and Dorothy!

TEC Co-Founders to Receive Recognition Award



We are very happy to announce that TEC Co-founders, Fr. Matt Fedewa and Dorothy Gereke will be receiving the National Youth Ministry Recognition Award in the Lifetime Achievement category in recognition of their lasting accomplishments through the TEC Movement. This award is given to those who

exhibit behaviors and practices that serve as a model to others involved in ministry to young people. The National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM) will present these awards during the National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry (NCCYM) session on Friday, Dec. 10, 2010 at the 4:30-6:00 p.m. General Session, in New Orleans, La. This is quite an honor! Long time TEC Family members Dennis Kurtz, Janet Drey, Irene Friend, and Archbishop Roger Schwietz wrote letters of recommendation. Congratulations, Fr. Matt and Dorothy!

Bridges - Bridging the Gap Between Teen & Adult

TEC has made a phenomenal impact on my life, especially when my brother Paul was going through treatments for a life-threatening illness from October, 1999 to March, 2004. It was my TEC experience in early 1999 that taught me what living out the Paschal Mystery in life is really about and it also prepared me for what was to come in the months and years ahead. There is no greater gift than to give a part of oneself, and there was no greater feeling than having donated bone marrow to my brother Paul to help give him a better life. After undergoing four and a half courageous years of treatments, Paul was called home by God during an actual TEC weekend that was taking place at our TEC center, and I found myself reaching out to my local TEC Family. They prayed for my brother and our family during that TEC weekend and they surrounded me with so

much love and comfort that I knew that God used TEC as my stronghold for helping me on my life's journey. To this day, TEC still is that stronghold!

I perceive that my response should be to grow in my role as a leader by implementing new ideas from my background in management, while at the same time abiding by the tenets of the TEC Manual. In doing so, I see myself helping all to experience what TEC is in its fullness. There is a reason we have the TEC Manual, and to be guided by it is a gift through which all individuals can better experience the awesome history of our Catholic faith. I think it speaks volumes that our manual is in the hands of those at the Vatican who are discerning the strengths of the manual as well as what might be improved. We are very blessed!"

Peter Burkel, Anchor of Hope TEC, Green Bay, Wis.

NFCYM Collaborating Members Meeting

The NFCYM collaborating membership meeting was held Sept. 26-29, and hosted by Life Teen at Covecrest Camp in Tiger, Ga. As collaborating members, the TEC Conference is in partnership with the NFCYM Federation. If you are a collaborating member, please join us next year (date and location TBA). Members present: Front row: Jim Knowles (Saint Mary's Press), Marilyn Santos (La Red), Tricia Trembeull (Life Teen), Mary Ann Banfield (Heartbeat Records), Matthew Robaszewicz (NFCYM), Leigh E. Sterten (Ministry Training Source), Susan Stein (Heartbeat Records.) Back row: Ted Miles (Catholic Relief Services), Lisa Bagladi (WLP), Randy Raus (Life Teen), Sal Solo (ACTS Evangelism), Mary O'Brien (TEC Con-

ference), Tom Booth (OCP/Spirit and Song) and Jimmy Bryan (MICYM). Not pictured: Sr. Ann Cassidy, FMA (Salesians West), Martha Gaynoe, (Catholic Relief Services) and Anna Marie Wright (NCYAMA).



TEC Family Happenings! Are you involved yet?

My Bolivia Trip - Part II

by Sr. Lucille Flores



The air-conditioned kitchen.

On Saturday, June 26, Christina took us to Achumani for a memorial Mass for her brother-in-law. The celebrant “multi-tasked” as welcomer, presider, homilist and choir! I was delighted to have a woman lector! After Mass we joined the family for *almuerzo*, a wonderful outdoor lunch, where we enjoyed a variety of native foods.

Christina’s family decided that our trip to Bolivia would not be complete unless we went to a *pena*, a dinner show of native music, song and dance. It was wonderful!

On Sunday we explored the market place and the shops. It was interesting to see how the people, who did not own a shop, set up shop out on the street. The market place was similar to the variety of booths we see at the ethnic festivals in Milwaukee, but on a much larger scale.

As we walked along, we noticed a little “booth” area that had an altar with a statue of Mary and a few chairs spread about. We learned that Mass was to be celebrated here. How thoughtful, how accommodating: Eucharist in the market place!

Monday after Mass, and breakfast of Bolivian breads, we packed the jeep for our drive to Chulumani for our first TEC experience. Our “packers” were truly experienced in getting things to fit in even the smallest crevices: our personal satchels, banners, boom-box, boxes with crosses, folders, boxes with all the variety of materials needed for projects, and, of course, the lap-top.

Padre Daniel, the Archdiocesan Director of Youth Ministry, was our trusted driver, with Iris as his assistant. Christina and I settled in the back seat, with Christian holding our huge cru-

cifix, which, we were to discover later, was truly our protector! We were grateful for a successful TEC weekend!

What a drive! Beautiful, huge, majestic mountains of a variety of formations...castles, lions, tigers, villages, people...great for your imagination! But you best keep your sight on high, for in the far distance below was a horrendously deep chasm, and the jeep had to maneuver the one-lane, dirt road most carefully, as we discovered, when all of a sudden, we were nose to nose, inches from a huge oil truck! One of us needed to back up to a wide enough area for passing. The Lord was with us... the truck began to back up!

Because of an unexpected detour, it took us longer than planned to arrive at the Cursillo Retreat Center. The bus had left the forty-one participants who had been patiently waiting and worrying. In no time we set up and began our three-day TEC experience.

We had been warned about the cold temperatures, it being winter and our being pretty far up in the mountains. We were not disappointed! We not only wore coats and mittens, but we also wrapped ourselves up in blankets... and there was no hot water! Needless to say, we wasted little water on showers, except by the *Bolivianos!* Hearty youth!

I was greatly impressed with the young people, their honest and touch sharing, so faith-filled, deeply prayerful, open, helpful and cooperative. My only difficulty was in their response to “Isabel” - the bell. It was as if they never heard it. We had to ring and call and call and ring!

This article to be continued in the next two issues of the Stay Connected.



Sr. Lucille's presentation.

MISSIONARY PRIEST RETURNS TO BOLIVIA

Fr. Bob Menner is back in Bolivia! He has served for five years in Chile and for 25 years in Bolivia. "I enjoy getting to know the people and sharing their lives, basically walking with them as they go through difficult moments and some happy moments." The Bolivian missions are part of the archdiocese's Latin America apostolate.

Fr. Bob recently assisted the TEC Conference in the training of three bilingual trainers to work with the TEC leaders in LaPaz, and Riberalta to update their TEC weekends.

We ask for your prayers for him and those in Bolivia he serves.

2010 ANNUAL HARVEST APPEAL

Last month we asked you to give to the Annual Harvest. The top five reasons were given and the # 1 reason for giving:

**In thanksgiving for
Fr. Matthew Fedewa and
Dorothy Gereke (co-founders)
and the vision they shared
in ministering to young people
45 years ago.**

**Isn't it exciting to see that they
will be receiving a national honor
from the NFCYM. Read all about
it on page 1!**

Update: We sent appeal letters to a little over 2700 folks and as of 10/20/10 have received 59 donations for a total of \$6,125. We thank you if you have already been a supporter of this appeal. We invite and ask you to prayerfully make your donation today to help us continue in celebrating the gift of 45 years of TEC.

TEC Family Happenings! Are you involved yet?

TEC Conference Workshops

To have your community take part in a workshop, please contact Ron Reiter at the TEC Conference office:
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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.



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.



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.



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.

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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