



COMMUNIO

by Fr. James Brown, OAR, TEC Conference Spiritual Director

The favorite word of Pope John Paul II was **communio**, a warm heart-to-heart sharing of life. It is the finest expression of Christian spirituality. It is Gospel living at its best.

TEC is an encounter with Christ through communion. The process transforms holy communion into Holy Communion. Authentic friendship is truly holy communion--a sacramental bond of human relations. Through the joyful sharing of the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist and His other signs within this friendship community, it is transformed into a Holy Communion--a spiritual friendship in which Christ is encountered, loved and adored. And, our spiritual friendships with one another are cherished, honored and celebrated.

The TEC Movement is designed to create and sustain this Christ-centered community of friends. That is why what happens after the TEC weekend is the most important part of the process. It is relatively easy to master the working and message of the weekend. But, successful weekends are not a successful Movement. What we call the "follow-up" is the heart of the process. How do the youth continue to be encouraged and supported in their on-going thirst for authentic holiness is the real test.

In planning for TEC weekends, as much quality time should be given to plans for the follow-up as to the unfolding of the weekend. Otherwise, it is like having romance without a wedding, or a sample without the dinner. The TEC Manual gives many suggestions of how the candidates might be attracted to continue their spiritual journey of engagement and growth. To design attractive programs that will help satisfy youth's thirst to know and love Christ more profoundly calls for creativity. But, it involves a creativity that is founded on the tested principles of spiritual growth and maturity. I suggest that the starting point lies on a careful reading of the section in the Manual on follow-through. As you work on implementing this portion of the Manual, please share with us your designs and how well they work. Then, Christ will not only be encountered, He will become a companion on the journey.

Fr. James J. Brown, OAR

PRAY WITH THE TEC FAMILY

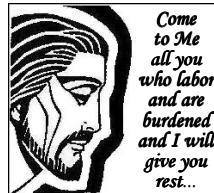


Has your community joined this Eucharistic Adoration prayer campaign yet?

For more information, check out:

www.TECConference.org/Adoration.html

More on TEC Family Adoration - next page!



PASCHAL CIRCLE

SEEKING...SHARING...SUPPORTING

"Where two or three meet together in my name, I shall be there with them" Matt. 18:20. The Paschal Circle is a simple way of doing something very profound and spiritual in our lives. It is an invitation to step into the life of the Spirit and to begin to live our lives in the presence of the Christ whom the Spirit brings into our world.

Dying

This week how did I die to self and open myself to an encounter with Christ?

- Mass
- Scripture Reading
- The Sacraments
- Spiritual Direction
- Wheat

Rising

- How have I risen with Christ?
- How have I deepened my Christ consciousness?
- Spiritual books
- Understanding Scripture
- Presence in persons
- My moment in which I experienced Christ's suffering, Christ's resurrection.

Going Forth

- Where is Christ asking me to share His Paschal Mystery last week, this week and next week?
- My personal life
 - My family life
 - My work/school

Closing prayer † Our Father

Christ Invites Me To Share In His Paschal Mystery!

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE!

November Annual Harvest Update

Received
\$10,255.45

2008/2009 Goal - **\$25,000**

November Center Support Update

Received from eight centers
\$688.97

2008/2009 Goal - **\$2,000**

If you would like to make a contribution, please consider PayPal: www.TECConference.org

HIDDEN CROSS!



This month, we've hidden a cross in the *Stay Connected*. The **tenth** person to email Mary O'Brien (obrien2176@aol.com) with the correct location of the "hidden" cross will receive a prize! (*Hint: It's not this one, but looks just like it!*) †

LAST MONTHS WINNERS!

Last month, our faithful readers were challenged to find a "hidden" stalk of wheat. Maria Kerwin from Springfield TEC and Dorothy Gereke were the winners.

Congratulations to both of you!



TEC Family Happenings!

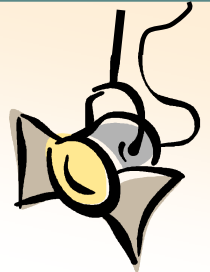
Here's what's happening in your TEC Family! Are you involved yet?

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT! Will Your Community Be Next?

In each *TEC Communicator* issue, we would like to spotlight a different community. September's newsletter featured Omaha Rural TEC. Will you be next? Also featured in our Spring 2008 spotlight issue was New Orleans TEC. Thanks to both communities for sharing with us! Now, it's your turn to get the word out about the great things happening in your community. Share your history!

Has participating in a Conference workshop or Congress renewed your center? Is there a strong follow-through program happening locally? Please share this information for the good of the greater TEC Family by Dec. 15 by contacting us at 636-933-9233 or

office@TECConference.org.



2009 DIRECTORY UPDATES



Updates to our directory are already in progress, so be prepared for phone call or email asking for information. The directory is a valuable resource and when completed in early 2009, you will receive an electronic copy. Also, you will receive quarterly updates throughout 2009. Thanks for your assistance! Here are a few of the items we will need:

- Lay contact
- Spiritual Director contact
- Weekend dates for 2009
- Is your community celebrating an anniversary?
- Is your TEC Web site linked with ours?
- List of your board/core group members
- Do you have a newsletter? If so, please add us to your mailing list.

TEC CONGRESS - SAVE THE DATES!



Peoria, Ill. - July 24-26, 2009

"A Plentiful Harvest"
Saturday night boat cruise included! Registration information available Jan. 2009

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

TEC MANUAL LICENSE AGREEMENTS - SENT OUT AUGUST 2008!

Have you returned yours yet? If so, thank you! If not, please take time to fill these out and return them to us, along with the center evaluation. The license agreement is for a period of 24 months. It may be renewed for additional periods subject to an evaluation and continued affiliation with the TEC Conference. The TEC Conference grants you a non-transferable license to use the materials contained in the binder in a single location. This use includes the right to duplicate all materials in the TEC Manual for use in a single TEC center or diocese for the purpose of training, team formation, and facilitating the TEC retreat process. Materials may NOT be shared between multiple locations, or loaned out in part or in full for use by anyone other than the original purchaser.

VOLUNTEER GRAPHIC DESIGNER NEEDED

We are currently looking for a freelance graphic designer to volunteer their services to our organization. This is an excellent opportunity for recent graduates to expand his/her portfolio and add to his/her resume. The ideal candidate will have an understanding of design programs such as Adobe Illustrator and Photoshop. Design duties include working closely with the TEC Conference staff and communications ministry team in producing brochures and newsletter layouts. All work will be designed for print production. Applicant must provide their own software to create the designs. Contact the Conference office if interested!



TEC FAMILY ADORATION

"TEC FAMILY ADORATION" UNITES TEC COMMUNITIES IN PRAYER by *Mary Lovee Varni*

The TEC Conference invites each of its 58 faith communities to pray together before the Blessed Sacrament one day each month as part of "TEC Family Adoration." Initiated by Northwest TEC (Diocese of Peoria, Ill.), this new prayer endeavor unites all TEC members in prayer for the young people of the Church, adult leaders and the TEC Movement.

"Pope Benedict XVI and the late Pope John Paul II were both strong proponents of Eucharistic Adoration," said TEC Conference Executive Director Ronald Reiter. "Because the Eucharist is at the heart of not

only our Catholic faith, but the TEC Movement as well, this is an important way to bring the entire TEC Family together across the country and beyond."

TEC Family Adoration can easily fit into an existing Eucharistic Adoration time at a local parish or with a religious community. Our end goal is to have at least one TEC praying before the Blessed Sacrament each day of the month. We would ask that each TEC community let the Conference know when they are praying so we can inform other groups who may want to join them in prayer.