



Savior Pastoral Center



2010 TEC Congress "Sowing the Fields" Kansas City, Kan., July 23-25, 2010

Please mark your calendars and make plans to join your TEC Family members at the 2010 TEC Congress. This gathering will take place at the Savior Pastoral Center in Kansas City, Kan. Plans are already taking shape and more information will be available in the next few months on the TEC Conference Web site: www.TECConference.org

Best Practices

Check it out! We are *up and running!*

There are several ideas that are *now available* on the TEC Web site. More to come!



www.TECConference.org

click on the **Best Practices** link to be directed to these ideas!

Those centers that are affiliated with the TEC Conference can call or e-mail the TEC Conference for the username and password.

If you have an idea, practice, form, schedule or other items of general interest, you are invited to send it to: bestpractices@TECConference.org

DEAR TEC FAMILY

By Ronald Reiter, TEC Conference Executive Director.....

Another Advent Season is upon us beginning Sunday, November 29th.

The Church helps us to prepare ourselves for the great gift the child Jesus is and becomes for each of us as our faith journey takes us through many peaks and valleys.

This season of ADVENT - COMING helps us to live in the now, daily, in anticipation of what is to come. This can be accomplished by living the PASCHAL MYSTERY daily.

This means, in effect, that as we go through almost four weeks of Advent we are invited to sum up our courage to risk dying daily in order to find ourselves. What steps are we taking individually to help us prepare for His coming? What does our parish community have planned for our preparation? What plans does our TEC Community have in the area of Follow Through to assist us in preparing for Advent?

We can begin Advent with noble intentions, but the readings remind us that the main initiative is God's. We are aware that someone greater than ourselves is needed as we approach this Advent

season. Alone, we can't create Christmas or even a decent Advent.

We are asked to be alert, aware of His awesome work that happens daily around us. God's actions may come when we least expect it. Certainly we would like a more dramatic sign: disturb the heavens or shake the mighty mountains. But God enters softly, quietly. Are we waiting, awake?

What is my greatest need as we approach the Advent season? What is my Family's greatest need? What is my TEC communities greatest need?

Together as one body, and one TEC family help us to make this season of Advent, through prayer and community dialogue the best one we have ever experienced.

Happy Thanksgiving!

In Christ,

WE NEED YOU!

By Mary O'Brien, TEC Conference Development Assistant.....

We are hoping you are looking for ways to assist the Conference in providing financial stability! Here are a few ways in which to help us in the area of relationship building and development. Our invitation and wish list to each of you includes:

- **Grants** - are you experienced in grant writing? If so, we need you! One of the ways grants would help the TEC family is to defray personal expenses for team and participants of the workshops offered by the Conference. Grant writing is truly a gift; do you have that gift to offer?
- **Development Team** - are you experienced in development ministry? If so, we need you! We are always seeking people to join this team to boost our monetary sources. Do you have names for us to contact?
- **Telephone Calls** - are you experienced in chatting on the telephone? If so, we need you! You would be doing one of the things you like



doing, and assisting the Conference to stay connected with individuals involved in local TEC communities. If you don't mind making follow up calls to our two annual appeals you could give support this way!

- **Prayer Team** - are you experienced in prayer? We know that you are and we need you! You would be added to the Conference prayer team. Our prayer team is notified of someone from a TEC community in need of special prayers. You would intentionally pray for all the TEC weekends and you would be invited to send general wheat letters to other TEC communities.

We need you! If interested, please e-mail obrien2176@aol.com or call 515-321-8519. Thanks for the gift you are to TEC! Today we celebrate Veteran's Day! Please pray a prayer of thanksgiving for all of the men and women who have served and are currently protecting us from harm's way!

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TEC Family Happenings! Are you involved yet?

We Need You! *continued from page one.....*

Celebrate Thanksgiving with family and friends! Please include a thanksgiving prayer for the TEC Movement and for those who have served and are currently serving God and others through TEC!

The Annual Harvest appeal figure to date is:

\$7,031.17
Goal for this appeal - \$25,000

2010 TEC CONFERENCE DIRECTORY.....

The TEC Conference directory is a valuable resource for TEC Family members. We're working hard to get this document up-to-date! Have you updated your centers' information yet? Contact the TEC Conference office by phone or e-mail. Thanks for your assistance! Here are a few items we need:

- Lay contact name, address, phone number and fax number
- Spiritual directors name, address, phone number and fax number
- Weekend dates for 2010
- TEC Center Web site address
- Is your community celebrating an anniversary? Let us know the date of the event!

2010 SPIRIT OF TEC AWARDS.....

The Spirit of TEC nomination forms will be e-mailed to TEC center contacts in **early January and completed forms need to be turned in to the TEC Conference office by April 15, 2010.** Please note that we've moved up the return deadline by **one month!** Please only submit names to the TEC Conference through your local core team, council or board.

The Spirit of TEC Award was established in 1990 to honor an individual's dedication and service to TEC on a local or regional level. Since 1990, over 684 members of our TEC Family have been recognized with this annual award. Each TEC community is invited to submit the name(s) of up to three individuals for Spirit of TEC; with *married couples counting as two individuals.* The selection process for these recipients is to be established by the local TEC core team, council or board.

The **Spirit of TEC Award** is given to a person who:

- Lives out the Paschal Mystery in his or her life;
- Has contributed to TEC in a significant way on a local or regional level;
- Is committed to serving the Church and its youth and young adults; and
- Generously shares his or her love, faith and enthusiasm with others.

Recipients will receive a certificate from the TEC Conference, be included on a special display and be announced at the 2010 TEC Congress; be recognized in the summer *Communicator*; and have their name submitted for publication to their diocesan newspaper.

"SPOTLIGHT" COMMUNITIES FOR 2010.....

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. Sign up to be

a 2010 "Spotlight" community and your community will be featured in one of the three 2010 issues of the *TEC Communicator*! Please contact us by phone at 636-933-9233 or by e-mail at office@TECConference.org.

HIDDEN GAME *11/12/09-We have a winner! Julie Wildey of Next Generation TEC is the winner!*

In this November issue of the *Stay Connected* we've hidden a word - but this time it's scrambled! Look for the highlighted letters throughout this newsletter and arrange these letters to make the word we are looking for. Here's a clue: the word we are looking for is specifically mentioned in one of the articles. If you are the sixth person to reply

to Mary O'Brien at: obrien2176@aol.com with the correct word, you will win a prize and get your name published in the next edition of the *Stay Connected*. October's winner was Sara O'Regan of TEC New Orleans. Congratulations, Sara! Thanks to all who played, but didn't win...**this time!**

Spiritual Directors Workshop June 21-24, 2010

L aSalle Retreat center in Wildwood, Mo., is the site for the next Spiritual Directors workshop, June 21-24, 2010. Mark your calendars now! Price is set at \$275 and new material will be presented. To download a brochure, please go to the TEC Conference Web site at: www.TECConference.org

Pray With The TEC Family

TEC Communities participating in Eucharistic Adoration:

Northwest TEC
Spirit of St. Louis TEC
Peoria TEC
Belleville TEC
Miami TEC
Anchor of Hope

For more information, check out:
[www.TECConference.org/
Adoration.html](http://www.TECConference.org/Adoration.html)

CF&F Workshop Nov. 28-29, 2009



COMMUNITIES OF FAITH & FOLLOW- THROUGH

**Nov. 28-29, 2009
St. William's TEC
Tewksbury, Mass.**

Cost: \$85 (includes program, meals & lodging)

Registration Deadline:

Nov. 20, 2009

Questions?

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[www.TECConference.org/
Faith_Follow_Through.html](http://www.TECConference.org/Faith_Follow_Through.html)