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Stay Connected



Communicating as a TEC Family

We are receiving newsletters from these communities: **Agape TEC, Peters-town TEC, Riverbend TEC and Rocky Mountain TEC** and would love to **receive yours!** We just recently found out that Pathways TEC has a newsletter and we look forward to receiving theirs soon.

We invite you to share any article in the TEC Conference Newsletters which are the “Stay Connected” published nine months of the year and the “Communicator” published three times a year. We would greatly appreciate your article by the second Monday of the month.

Can the TEC Conference share an article in your newsletter? Who is your editor? Please notify the TEC Conference office with the information. We look forward to hearing from you. office@teconference.org

2012 Congress “Tending the Vine”
Hosted by Riverbend TEC
August 3-5, 2012

Second track—TAP program to be held at the TEC Congress for youth and young adults.



Riverbend TEC
invites you to
“Tending the Vine”

TEC Congress 2012
August 3-5, 2012

Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter MN

Please check out our Webinars on our website at

www.teconference.org

Keep checking our website for future webinars.



We are working on our 2012 Directory.

The TEC Conference office has sent out forms to the TEC communities asking for updated information. We are looking for your current lay contact, spiritual director, etc. Please provide your 2012 weekend dates so they can be published and you can receive wheat letters. We appreciate you getting this information to us. We will be sending you electronically the new 2012 directory in January. **Thanks for all you do for TEC.**



Happy Thanksgiving!

Dear TEC Family,

Happy Thanksgiving! Happy Thanksgiving! The season of celebrating and appreciating our heritage, our past, and the future that lies before us because of the efforts of others is upon us.

Please take time to stop, think about who and what has brought you to this moment, and give THANKS to GOD for HIS PART and for everything you have been given.

This season of celebration and thanks should be proclaimed for everything, life, family, friends, ministry, good health, etc. etc. Enjoy the present moment! Enjoy the family gathered! Enjoy the weather! Enjoy the smells! Reach out to those who aren't as blessed.

As our year draws to a close, I recognize the gift that TEC has been for me, my family, and lots of friends. With that gift come challenges and important decisions that need to be made by leaders in all TEC communities as we move toward the new year. How has your TEC community overcome the following challenges? Please share your responses with the TEC family for future articles.

- Building an adult and young adult community
- Formation and training of adult and young adult leaders
- Recruiting team members
- Recruiting candidates
- Follow-up ministry after the TEC weekend
- Networking/Collaborating with other youth and young adult ministries in a diocese

How did prayer guide you in determining the Spirit's direction for your TEC community?
What did you learn from the past history of your local TEC community that helped you?
What resources did you draw from that assisted your TEC community?
Who did you collaborate with that assisted you in overcoming these challenges?

Please share your solutions to these four questions with the TEC family. Send your responses to office@teconference.org.

GOD PROVIDES! Even when it seems we are in the midst of CHAOS, God is creating something new. As a TEC family please pray for one another and also recognize that sometimes your support and answer to any challenges you have lie outside of your TEC community. Don't be afraid to ask for and to seek solutions that will make the new year of 2012 an important year in the history of your TEC community. Thanks for your commitment of time, talent, and treasure to the TEC Movement.

In Christ,

Ronald Reiter



TAP—TEC Ambassador Program

TEC Ambassador Program –TAP

By Mike Needleman, Sunflower TEC/TAP Coordinator

Recently I was asked to clarify thoughts regarding The TEC Ambassador Program –TAP, so that others may feel comfortable knowing what TAP is and what TAP does. In order to be as succinct as possible, let me first mention what TAP is not.

TAP is not its own “*movement*.” TEC is recognized as a “*movement*” of Catholic spirituality which leads toward the development of a community of faith and follow-through. TAP does not have nor does it develop its own community, but invites others to become part of the community of TEC.

TAP is not a “*retreat*.” TAP ambassadors are called to evangelize by recruiting others to come and encounter Christ on a TEC weekend.

TAP is not its own entity nor does it solicit participation outside of the TEC Community. TAP is not its own movement, nor a weekend retreat, but a “*program*” designed to provide members of the TEC Community the tools necessary to *evangelize* others to participate in the TEC encounter experience. TAP ensures an ongoing effort in the recruitment of NEW candidates to TEC.

Today I had a conversation with two young people from the Sunflower TEC Community. Joseph has not yet attended TAP (although he intends to soon) and Abe has been an ambassador for TEC for the past six months. I asked them to answer this question, “What do you think TAP is?”

Joseph told me that he believed attending a TAP weekend would help him learn how to talk to others about TEC; something he wants to share with his peers. Abe noted that “it’s a place to renew and reconnect with TEC” and also become confident in talking about TEC to new candidates.

It’s people like Joseph and Abe and many others now who have become TEC Ambassadors that Sunflower TEC continues to grow. Remember, its all about TEC!

Agape to ALL.....Mike

For further information on TAP and how this program may benefit your TEC center, please feel free to contact Ron at the TEC Conference at 636-933-9233, Mike Needleman at 816-522-3847 or you can click the link.

<http://www.tecconference.org/94.html>

A message from our Partner in Ministry, Franciscan Friars of the Atonement

The Archdiocesan Office (Archdiocese of New York) of Vocations to Religious Life is sponsoring an Advent On-line Discernment Retreat, December 7-11, 2011 for men and women who would like to explore a call to religious life. In the privacy of your own home and at a time convenient for you, you will be able to receive materials for reflection via the internet.

After your time of prayer, you will be invited to contact a retreat direct or via email where you will share your thoughts and reflections. There is no cost for the retreat. For information and registration, please go to myreligiouslife.org and submit a form.

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Upcoming Workshops




January 6-8, 2012 - CF&F workshop in the Archdiocese of Louisville, KY. hosted by the new emerging TEC Community in Louisville, KY.
Cost for registration, supplies & meals: \$100.00
Contact person for registrations only:
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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 website.



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