



RESOURCES FOR THE TEC FAMILY

by Ron Reiter, *TEC Executive Director*

Dear TEC Family,
May the Lord continue to bless the TEC Ministry.

At the TEC Congress in Wichita in 2008, there was discussion about the impact that the latest technology was having, positively or negatively, on TEC. There was a small committee formed to evaluate the impact on TEC. We have had two phone conference calls and are now inviting the input of local TEC communities by asking you to please answer some of these questions. You can submit your answers via e-mail to:

office@TECconference.org

Questions:

1. Do you allow pictures to be taken on the weekend?
2. Who receives the finished pictures and how are they used? Web site?
3. Is the internet used for advertising TEC? YouTube, MySpace, Facebook, etc.
4. Who monitors these internet efforts?
5. Do you have a permission slip, signed by parents, to use the pictures of participants on a TEC weekend that are under 18?
6. Do you have a permission slip, signed by participants over 18, to use their picture in advertising TEC in the diocese, on your Web site, on the conference Web site?
7. Have you had any bad experiences in this area? How were they dealt with?

How does your local diocesan office address these issues? How do they assist you when dealing with these issues? Are there written policies to guide you?

Please take time to answer these questions, to help assist your local TEC community in these areas, and assist the entire TEC Family. **Thanks for your input!!**

Jeff Goffinet, the TEC Conference's legal advisor, offers some advice regarding photos:

- Photos of those under the age of 18 may not be used in publications or on the Web site without written parental permission. Verbal permission is strongly discouraged, even among friends.
- Those having attained the age of 18 can grant permission to use photos of themselves taken prior to their having reached that age; it is appropriate to obtain such permission.
- Although not necessary, it is appropriate to secure permission of those who are 18 or older to use their photos in a brochure or on a Web site.

2009 SPIRIT OF TEC AWARDS

Does someone in your local TEC Family:

- Live out the Paschal Mystery in his or her life?
- Contribute in a significant way to TEC on a local or regional level?
- Faithfully serve our Church's young people?
- Generously share his or her love, faith and enthusiasm with others?

If so, consider nominating them for the **2009 Spirit of TEC Award**. Each recipient will be recognized on a special display at the 2009 Congress, receive an award certificate from the TEC Conference and have his or her name published in the Summer 2009 edition of the *Communicator*. Each TEC community can select up to three people for this special recognition each year. Please only submit names to the TEC Conference through your local core team, council or board. Nomination forms will be going out electronically the second week in March. **Deadline is May 15, 2009.**

TEC CONGRESS - SAVE THE DATES!



July 24-26, 2009
Peoria, Ill. "A Plentiful Harvest"
Saturday night boat cruise included!

Are you interested in adding something to the auctions? We are looking for auction items for both the silent and live auctions. Please contact the office if you have any questions!

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

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE UPDATE

Due to a low response, the 2009, 10-day pilgrimage to Lourdes has been cancelled.

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

TEC Family Happenings! Are you involved yet?

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT! Will Your Community Be Next?

In each *TEC Communicator* issue, we would like to spotlight a different community. The 2008 winter edition featured Central Minnesota TEC. We've also had the pleasure of spotlighting New Orleans TEC and Omaha Rural TEC. Will you be next? Thanks to all three 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 Mar. 2, 2009 by contacting us at 636-933-9233 or office@TECConference.org.

2009 TEC CONFERENCE DIRECTORY

The TEC Conference directory is a valuable resource! The 2009 directory was e-mailed to everyone in the directory last month. If you have a change in address, phone number, Web site or e-mail address throughout the year, please keep us updated! We will pass your information along to everyone when updates are sent out four times a year. Also, if your community has a change in a TEC weekend date, keep us posted! We'll update the Conference Web site. For the current list of TEC weekend dates, please check out the Conference Web site.

TEC WEEKEND STATISTICS

Please remember to send us the statistics from your TEC weekend! We are looking for the number of youth and young adult candidates (those between ages 17-24) and adults (those over age 24) that participated on the weekend. This information helps us keep track of how many people TEC serves each year. E-mail stats to: office@TECconference.org

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE!

Annual Harvest Update

\$19,730.45

2008/2009 Goal - \$25,000

Thank you to those who have generously contributed!

If you would like to make a contribution, please consider using PayPal on the TEC Conference Web site.

Center Support Update

\$1,042.87

11 centers have contributed

2008/2009 Goal - \$2,000

VOLUNTEER GRAPHIC DESIGNER NEEDED

We are currently looking for freelance graphic designers to volunteer their services to our organization. This is an excellent opportunity for recent graduates to expand their portfolios and add to their resumes. The ideal candidates 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. Applicants must provide their own software to create the designs. Please contact the Conference office if interested!

CATHOLIC TRIPS TO SPONSOR CRUISE

Catholic Trips is sponsoring a seven-day Caribbean cruise Jan. 10-16, 2010 on the Carnival Freedom. The TEC Conference will receive \$25 for each registration. For more information, please contact Bridget Dempsey at Catholic Trips: 877-463-8747.

Jan. 10: Fort Lauderdale

Jan. 11: Key West Florida 8:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m.

Jan. 12: Fun Day At Sea

Jan. 13: Grand Cayman 7:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m.

Jan. 14: Ocho Rios, Jamaica 7:30 a.m. till 3:30 p.m.

Jan. 15: Fun Day At Sea

Jan. 16: Fort Lauderdale, Florida

All prices are per person based on double occupancy:
Inside Cabin: \$595 | Oceanview: \$795 | Balcony: \$895

WORKSHOPS

Is your community interested in hosting a workshop? We offer Renewing the Vision, Communities of Faith & Follow-Through and the Spiritual Directors workshops. Contact the Conference office for more information.

TEC MANUAL LICENSE AGREEMENTS

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. Thank you!

HIDDEN HEART! HAPPY VALENTINES DAY

This month, we've hidden a heart in the *Stay Connected*. The 14th person to e-mail Mary O'Brien with the correct location of the "hidden" heart will receive a prize! The heart looks just like this, but may be a different size or color!

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JANUARY'S WINNER!

In the January issue, our faithful readers were challenged to find a "hidden" Spiritual Directors logo. Stacy Bennett of Wichita TEC was the winner. **Congratulations, Stacy!**