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AN ONLINE NEWSLETTER  
FOR THE WORLDWIDE TEC FAMILY

July 2009

## “A PLENTIFUL HARVEST IN CHRIST”

### JULY 24-26, 2009

July 24-26, 2009 - Spalding  
Pastoral Center, Peoria, Ill.

**Congress registration  
deadline - July 3, 2009**

**Hotel registration  
extended to mid-July!**

**Live auction on Friday,  
July 24 at 8:45 p.m.**

- **Two quilts** from Anchor of Hope TEC
- **BBQ sauce recipe** - compliments of Sharrie Cinnamon
- One week at **Dorothy Gereke's home** in Boca Raton, Fla.
- One week at **Tim & Becky Kresowik's vacation home** in Chandler, Ariz.
- One week at **Brian & Ronda Mathiowetz's lake home** in Sleepy Eye, Minn.

If you will not be in attendance before 8:45 p.m. or are not coming to the Congress, you will **still have a chance to bid!** Contact Angie Robenstein at (309) 698-1493, for any questions or to leave a secure bid that will be given to the auctioneer that evening.

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



### COMMUNITIES OF FAITH & FOLLOW- THROUGH

**Aug. 21-23, 2009  
PORT ST. JOE, FLA.**

**Cost:** \$115 (includes program, meals & lodging)

**Registration Deadline:**  
Aug. 3, 2009

**Questions?**

Contact Dick Venezia  
dickvenezia@yahoo.com

[www.TECconference.org/  
Faith Follow Through.html](http://www.TECconference.org/FaithFollowThrough.html)

## WHY THE TEC CONGRESS?

by Fr. James Brown, OAR - TEC Conference Spiritual Advisor

**T**EC is a community. Although it is organized, it is not an organization. It is a family built on the love and presence of Jesus. It is a bonding together of individuals who share the same faith vision and who strive to live Paschal Mystery spirituality. It is held together by graced love--a love that is generated by our love of one another as a reflection of the love of Christ for us.

Like all love relationships it is very fragile; to sustain its strength we need quality time together. Love grows and builds on mutual sharing and affirmation. The first reason why it is important to attend the TEC Congress is the person-to-person encounters that are shared there. Our very presence is a source of mutual support and affirmation. We become a living grace to one another. To maintain our commitment to the TEC Movement constantly requires this fresh experience of Paschal Love.

The second reason why it is important that we come to the TEC Congress is that we are engaged in a very complex work for God and the Church. The Manual provides us with a spiritual process and valuable insights into how to attract youth and young adults to embrace discipleship. But the very nature of our work in challenging youth to live the Christ-life demands that we constantly evaluate the effectiveness of our work.

TEC leaders are constantly gleaning fresh

insights in facilitating the TEC spiritual process. The Congress is the place where we share them. All past members who have attended say they have come away much enriched.

The third important reason for coming is that our new Episcopal Moderator, Bishop William P. Callahan, OFM Conv., will be joining us at the Congress. Also the Founders and other historic leaders will attend. It will be a good opportunity to speak with them personally and to share your experiences in TEC and tap into their wisdom. As at a family reunion the younger will come to know the older leaders and both are enriched by the encounter.

Finally, TEC is always adjusting to new realities. It is a living Movement that responds to the needs of the persons it serves. Currently, the new challenge calls for the adjustment of TEC to the needs of young adults. While the essentials always remain the same, the spiritual guidelines by which they are realized may be carefully adjusted to blend well with the needs of young adults. It is a tribute to the TEC movement that young adult ministry sees TEC as an effective means of ministering to young adults. The Congress offers you an opportunity for input into this important new venture.

*Fr. James J. Brown, OAR*

## DEVELOPMENT

by Mary O'Brien - TEC Conference Development Assistant

**H**ello everyone! Twenty-one days and counting before we gather in Peoria... I hope to see many familiar faces and to meet some new family members. Last month I spoke about participating in the Congress as an easy way to assist the financial needs of the Conference. Some deadlines have been extended, but some have not! If you are coming to Peoria—wonderful! If not, you will be missed, but please take a peek at the live auction items at [www.TECconference.org](http://www.TECconference.org).

Either way, I ask that you then take a bigger peek at your checkbook and bid on the items from home or at the Congress. The silent auction can always have more items to be bid on! Have you or your center sent some items? Thank you if you have and thank you in advance for those yet to come.

We would love to come and visit your community! Are you having a celebration of some sort?

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## TEC Family Happenings! Are you involved yet?

### DEVELOPMENT...continued from previous page

Have TEC Conference will travel-all you need to do is invite us... or watch out, maybe we will just come knocking at your door! **Matthew 7:8** "And, to the one who knocks, the door will be opened!"

We are grateful for all you do!

Take good care,

*Mary O'Brien*

#### Friday

2:00-5:00 Registration  
Silent Auction Opens  
Dinner  
Opening Ceremony  
Ice-Breaker  
Witness Talk, Table/Group Sharing  
Live Auction  
Night Prayer

#### Saturday

Morning Prayer  
Ice-Breaker  
Witness Talk, Table/Group Sharing  
Conference (Q&A)-Technology Rpt.  
Lunch-Agape Meal  
Awards  
1:15-3:00 Work Sessions  
Free Time  
Mass at the Cathedral  
Dinner  
Board Buses  
Spirit of Peoria Cruise & Peace Med.  
Silent auction closes

#### Sunday

Morning Prayer  
Music  
Witness Talk, Table/Group Sharing  
TEC Conference Reports  
Invitation to 2010 Congress-  
Kansas City, Kan., July 23-25  
Sending Forth Rite  
Lunch & Departure

### CONGRESS WORK SESSIONS

Saturday, July 25, 2009  
1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

#### First Session - 1:15-2:05

- "Young Adult Ministry" – Facilitated by Fr. James Brown, OAR & Phil Jasheway
- "Sharing Paschal Mystery Spirituality with Youth/Young Adults" – Facilitated by Dennis Kurtz
- "Young Adults Living the Paschal Mystery" – Facilitated by 2 young adults

#### Second Session - 2:10-3:00

- "Visioning for the Future in a TEC Community" – Facilitated by Billy O'Regan & Cindy Bowman
- "TEC Ministry and the Diocese in Collaboration" – Facilitated by Brad Colvis & Kevin Fuller
- "Young Adult Dialogue" – "How do we redesign TEC to meet your needs?" - Facilitated by two young adults

Each work session have a volunteer scribe to take notes of the dialogue so it can be reproduced and shared with all of the participants in a summary form. A copy of any handouts should be collected for those TEC communities not present at the Congress.

### PRAY WITH THE TEC FAMILY

The newest community to join **Eucharistic Adoration** is **Anchor of Hope TEC**, Green Bay, Wis. Will your community be next?

For more information, check out:

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

### WEEKEND STATISTICS

Please send us your **TEC weekend statistics!** We are looking for the number of **candidates: youth and young adults** (those between the ages of 17-24) and **adults** (those over age 24) that participated on the weekend. This information helps us give accurate information to bishops and diocesan directors upon their request. Thank you!

### 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. Have you misplaced your copy? **No problem.** E-mail us at: [office@TECconference.org](mailto:office@TECconference.org) and we will send it to you.

### HIDDEN GAME

We've "hidden" the words "bigger peek" in this issue of the **Stay Connected**. Can you find them? If so and you are the **fourth** person to reply to Mary O'Brien [obrien2176@aol.com](mailto:obrien2176@aol.com) with the correct answer, you will win a

prize and get your name published in the next edition of the **Stay Connected**. Last month's winner was **Agassiz Valley TEC's Sr. Eileen Mohs**. Congratulations! Thanks to those who played, but didn't win...**this time!**