



Stay Connected

The TEC Conference now has a Webinar

When: Monday, September 19, 2011, 7:00 PM-8:30 PM (UTC-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada).

Where: 866-267-4660 #8966301

Note: The GMT offset above does not reflect daylight saving time adjustments.

The 1st webinar gave a general overview of the importance of forming an adult faith community out of which is drawn the membership for the core team that guides the TEC Community in partnership with the local Spiritual Director. The role and purpose of the core team was also discussed in the 1st webinar.

The 2nd webinar covers parts of Section 8 in the TEC manual that takes a more in-depth look at the adult and young adult faith community, resources for training, and the selection of a core team. It looks at it from the vantage point of a new TEC community that is forming, or one that has been in existence for a while.

Jim Rice invites you to an online meeting using WebEx.

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“Being a Leader” (Asking Questions).....Ron Reiter

Dear TEC Family,

A blessed Labor Day and the beginnings of the fall season to each of you and your TEC Community.

As this extremely warm summer moves towards closure and we begin to prepare for what winter has in store for each of us, it reminds me of an article I read about the upcoming changes in the Mass we'll experience coming this fall.

The question that was posed at the top of the article was; why do we do what we do? Since this question is focused on the Eucharist, our most cherished religious ritual – the very source and summit of our faith – any change in the way we celebrate the Eucharist will naturally produce a certain amount of anxiety among the faithful.

Not to give the TEC weekend equal billing with the Eucharist, but don't we when experiencing a TEC weekend have many ritual actions, many cherished portions of the weekend that embodies the core message? Do we ever ask the questions; why do we do what we do?

Just to give a brief history update might be appropriate here. From 1983 to 1997 the TEC Conference Manuals Committee met and asked that question repeatedly to help lay out and affirm the flow of the TEC encounter. They connected with Fr. Matt Fedewa to make sure they were in agreement with his original vision of TEC. The Manuals Committee even created workshops so many TEC communities members could participate and engage in asking the same question and share their experience and insights to assist in producing the revised TEC Conference manual for the TEC Family to use from 1997 and beyond. The TEC Conference staff continues to ask that question daily as we are called to make that document relevant for established TEC Communities and for new ones that are forming.

That question was asked recently of Fr. Matt Fedewa, founder of the TEC Encounter in 1965, when Deacon Bob Sondag, Diocese of Peoria, and I visited him on August 21 and 22 of this year at his new home in DeWitt, MI. From that discussion new insights were gained and some suggested improvements were discussed that will be placed in the hands of the Spirituality Ministry Team to prayerfully reflect on and move forward in updating the TEC Manual for the TEC Family. Your prayers of support are certainly important in this endeavor.

2012 is but a few months away and the TEC Movement continues to invite the asking of that question. Why do we do what we do? Have you dialogued on that question recently among your core leaders? In that internal evaluation have you asked other important questions, such as; how strong is your TEC Community? What is needed for your TEC Family to become stronger? The overall strength of the TEC Movement is dependent on each TEC Community being “the best they can be.” Remember the adage about a chain being only as strong as its weakest link.

As the TEC Movement moves forward into its 47th year, and the TEC Conference into its 31st year, our future is dependent on all of us united in one effort as “One body in Christ”. The young people we serve need us more now than they ever have. Will we be ready to respond to their needs as a Movement, centered on Christ, embracing the future of the TEC Movement and the TEC Conference with passion and commitment?

May the Holy Spirit guide our process of questioning, direct us to His answers, and implement them for the rich future that lies before us.

In Christ,



HELP THE CONFERENCE AND WIN \$\$\$

WE NEED PICTURES! The Communications Ministry Team is reworking two of our most important flyers --- the one targeting campus ministers and the one for young adults. We are looking for pictures that are not posed, particularly action shots. Send in your favorite photos and we will award \$10 for each one that we use, whether in one of the flyers or on our web site. Since the Hoot/Reunion is a surprise, no such pictures can be accepted. Subjects must be at least 18-years-old and must have given at least tacit approval for the use of their images. Please send your photos directly to: dickvenezia@yahoo.com

Sharrie Cinnamond Reflects on her term as Chairperson

When I was asked to write an article for the *Stay Connected* about my time as the Chair of the Leadership Team, I had to admit I couldn't remember much about that year. I was the Chair for the year 2002-2003. This was a time of transition for the TEC Conference Council as we tried to discern some major issues we were facing. We had spent a lot of time in the past two years defining the role of the Council, its purpose and mission.

In the spring of 2001 we took a bold step and hired Geri Moore as the Development Director. She worked off-site from her home and commuted into the office several days each month. I had been working in a development position for the Glenmary Sisters since 1991, and I knew the enormous challenge she was facing. Trying to raise awareness of the TEC Council, establish a good name and bring in funds while working with a very limited budget was a difficult task. Most people don't really understand the role of "Development" and think it is all about the money. In reality, it is more of a friend raising effort that has increased donations as one of the benefits. I believe Geri really tried but there were many obstacles she had to overcome. Most of the experts in the field will tell you it takes 5-7 years for a Development Office to produce big benefits. After two years, in the spring of 2003, the Council decided not to renew her contract. As the Chairperson, I had the task of informing her of that decision. I must admit it was one of the hardest things I've ever done. Perhaps that is why I don't remember much else about my role as Chairperson.

I did not renew my time on the Leadership Team even though I have stayed involved in the TEC Movement. Through the years since then I have served on several teams here in Western KY and was Chairperson of the Planning Committee when our Diocese hosted the first TEC Congress in 2006. I have also been blessed with the opportunity to serve on workshops throughout the U.S. and in Lithuania, Czech Republic and Nicaragua.

Although I have not served as chair of the leadership council, I have remained active by being a member of the Development Ministry team and served another year on the leadership team. The TEC Movement will always be a part of my life, even if I am not actively serving on weekends. It has led my husband, Bob, and me into other ministries such as Koinonia and the REC (Residents Encounter Christ). I believe I have grown in my faith and self-awareness because of this wonderful movement; and for that, I will always be grateful.

Sharrie Cinnamond

Peterstown TEC - 35th year Anniversary



Above Picture: Special Visitors
From left to right: Fr. Chris Haake,
Deacon Bob Sondag, Mary O'Brien,
Penny Wolf, Ron Reiter &
Sr. Jacque Schroeder, OSF



Ginny Funfsinn & Brenda Barnickel



Peterstown TEC Center & St. Peter & Paul



Very Nice. Looks good enough to eat!

Upcoming Workshops

TEC ANNIVERSARIES

October 14-16, 2011 - CF&F
3 day workshop in the diocese of
Superior, WI. hosted by Agape TEC.

January 6-8, 2012 - CF&F
workshop in Archdiocese of Louisville, KY.
hosted by the new emerging
TEC Community in Louisville, KY.

Spirit of St. Louis	St. Louis, Mo.	5 years
Tulsa TEC	Tulsa, Okla.	10 years
Full Circle	Kalamazoo, Mich.	10 years
Big Sky	Great Falls/Billings, Mont.	10 years
Sunflower	Kansas City, Kan.	10 years
Divine Mercy	Erie, Pa.	15 years
Atlanta	Atlanta, Ga.	15 years
Omaha Rural	Omaha, Neb.	15 years
Southwest Indiana	Evansville, Ind.	20 years
TEC Conference	Festus, Mo.	30 years
Bloomington-Normal	Peoria, Ill.	30 years
Western Kentucky	Owensboro, Ky.	35 years
Agassiz Valley	Crookston, Minn.	35 years
Great River	Quincy, Ill.	40 years

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