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Dearest Friends,

On the heels of the 2010 TEC Congress in Kansas City many of us are still reeling from all the information gathered and friends made from so many dioceses around the world. Even more so, the experience of gathering with other adult and young adult leaders from other TEC centers was a shot of encouragement and fresh ideas! Yet, even as we continue to give thanks and process our experience in Kansas City, the TEC Community in "Cajun Country" is joyfully planning the 2011 TEC Congress - **July 15-17, 2011**. Put it on your calendar today!

We have chosen as our theme - "**Rise, Renew, Rejoice!**" As we know, Paschal Mystery Spirituality calls each of us to die to whatever keeps us from Christ and Rise with Him. Likewise, our local TEC communities are summoned to rise and celebrate the gift that we have in TEC and the ways that Christ is giving us an experience of Renewal. Seeds of hope have been scattered on the good soil of our TEC family and this alone is reason to celebrate this renewal and to Rejoice with the Risen Lord!

All members of the TEC family are invited to gather in New Orleans . . . a city where celebration is a way of life! Cajun & Creole cuisine, Mardi Gras, Jazz Music and the old-world charm of New Orleans will be part of our Celebration - we hope that you will too!

It is a deep honor for our local TEC family to host the Congress. As we move forward in the planning process, rest assured that we are mindful of the economy and will do everything in our power to keep registration/lodging costs as low as possible while still providing you with a memorable experience! We'll also try to make some accommodations for those who would like to come early or stay after the Congress and enjoy some vacation time in New Orleans.

As our plans continue to take shape, updates to the TEC Conference website will be added, including a brochure and registration form which should be up before the end of the year. Please don't hesitate to call to let us know if you are coming and how we can enhance your experience!

See ya'll next summer!

In Christ,
Billy O'Regan
and the TEC Community in New Orleans