



Savior Pastoral Center

DEAR TEC FAMILYBy Ronald Reiter, TEC Conference Executive Director

How is the Lenten Season going for you? For your TEC Community?

Sometimes Lent conjures up for me thoughts of radical change, invitation to sacrificing, 40 days of fasting...all the things I learned about as a boy in Catholic school.

Things have changed so much since those 50s and 60s that took me through grade school, high school and early college. Lent is still the same, but the way we connect now is certainly different. We have cell phones, Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn as ways of communicating instantly and with large numbers of people. More ways of connecting arrive each season. But the only way to connect with God is with a personal decision. Jesus knew he belonged to God. Do we?

Look at but a few of the scripture readings that have been a part of the season of Lent.

- 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18 - Ash Wednesday
- Luke 4:1-13 (c, 2010) - First Sunday in Lent
- Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26 - Friday of the first full week of Lent
- Luke 9:28b-39 - Second Sunday of Lent
- Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46 - Friday second week of Lent
- Luke 13:1-9 - Third Sunday of Lent
- Hosea 6:1-6; Mark 12:28-34 - Friday in the third week of Lent
- Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

- Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30 - Wednesday of the fourth week of Lent

What powerful and inviting readings we have been blessed with to assist me in renewing my spiritual life, to stop and think about what is going on inside me. It is time to reconsider who Jesus is for me and to renew my faith from the inside out.

In each of the readings above, plus those not listed, there have been key words and phrases that give us a sense of hope, a clearer perspective on what truly matters, and how we are to conduct our lives and the life of our TEC Community.

Here are a few of those words/phrases:

- Pray - Fast - Share*
- Embrace - Serve - Celebrate*
- Ask - Knock*
- Listen - Praise - Let Yourself be loved*
- Change - Forgive*
- Receive - Discern - Connect*

What do they say to me, to each of us and to our TEC Community?

Lent is a journey of the whole heart, a time to cultivate our relationship with the Sacred One and embrace the daily experiences of one's life with a conviction that grace is unfolding in each moment.

Enjoy the last two weeks of Lent and get ready for the great celebration of Easter.



2010 TEC Congress "Sowing the Fields"

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

Please **mark your calendars** and make plans to join your **TEC Family** members at the **2010 TEC Congress**. This gathering will take place at the Savior Pastoral Center in Kansas City, Kan. Plans are already taking shape and the brochure with registration form is ready now on the TEC Conference Web site:

www.TECConference.org

Spiritual Directors Workshop June 21-24, 2010

LaSalle Retreat center in Wildwood, Mo., is the site for the next **Spiritual Directors workshop, June 21-24, 2010**. Mark your calendars now!

Price is set at \$275 and new material will be presented. To download a brochure, please go to the TEC Conference Web site:

www.TECConference.org

DEVELOPMENT NEWS.....By Mary O'Brien, Development Assistant



Thank you to all who have responded to our Lenten appeal! We asked that you set aside \$2 per day and with Lent not

being over until April 3rd, we hope that you still think of us with a monetary donation. Our budget for the 2010-2011 year is around \$152,000 and we rely on your generosity to meet the budget. Also, and more importantly, I ask that you include the TEC Conference finances in your daily prayers!

May your Lenten season and Easter celebration be filled with love, peace and hope! God bless you all!

Gratefully,
Mary O'Brien



TEC Family Happenings! Are you involved yet?

2010 SPIRIT OF TEC AWARDS - DEADLINE APRIL 15, 2010.....

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 **2010 Spirit of TEC Award**. Each recipient will be

recognized on a special display at the 2010 Congress, receive an award certificate from the TEC Conference and have his or her name published in the Summer 2010 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 went out via e-mail to all community contacts and spiritual directors. Forms and photos are due back to the TEC Conference office by April 15. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the TEC Conference office.

MENTORING PROGRAM FOR WEEKEND DIRECTORS

Mid-America TEC held a 1-day workshop Feb 27, 2010 in Jefferson City, Mo., lead by TEC Conference Executive Director, Ron Reiter. Eleven participants gathered for the purpose of training, formation and education of future weekend directors. The participants also created a mentoring program of support for those committed to directing a TEC weekend. Each new director will be provided with a mentor.



Here are a few quotes regarding the workshop:
"Great, in depth explanation and discussion of the whole TEC process." ~ Tom Clawson

"This first workshop for directors will greatly compliment our new mentoring program." ~ Steve Maxwell

Workshop participants: Left to right - Adam Ritter, Ken Sandbothe, Tina Fink, Lisa Hammond, Duane Evers, Tom Clawson, Mary Jo Creech, Shelle Sandbothe, Steve Maxwell, Bruce Mobley and Carol Blecha

HIDDEN GAME 3/21/10-We have a winner! Maria Kerwin of Springfield TEC is the winner!

In this March issue of the *Stay Connected* we've hidden a word and it's scrambled! Look for the highlighted letters throughout this newsletter and arrange these letters to make the word we are looking for. If you are the **fifth** person to reply to Mary O'Brien at: obrien2176@aol.com with the correct word, you will win a prize and get your name published in the next edition of the *Stay Connected*. February's winner was Patty Frana, TEC Director/TEC council representative, Archdiocese of Dubuque. **Congratulations, Patty!**

SPOTLIGHT COMMUNITY

In each *TEC Communicator* issue, we would like to spotlight a different community. Will your community be next? Has attending a TEC 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 contacting us at: 636-933-9233



or
office@TECConference.org.

TEC Weekend Statistics

Please remember to send us the statistics from your TEC weekend! We are looking for the number of youth/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

TEC CONFERENCE DIRECTORY

If your community changes contacts or spiritual directors or adds/updates TEC Weekend dates, please let us know!

To see the listing of 2010 TEC weekends, go to the TEC Conference Web site:

[www.tecconference.org/
Upcoming_Weekends.html](http://www.tecconference.org/Upcoming_Weekends.html)

BEST PRACTICES!

There are several ideas that are now available on the TEC Conference Web site. *More to come!*

Those centers that are **affiliated with the TEC Conference** can call or e-mail the TEC Conference for the username and password.

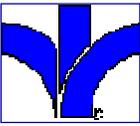
If you have an **idea, practice, form, schedule** or **other items** of general interest, you are invited to send it to:

bestpractices@TECConference.org

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TEC CONFERENCE PARTNERS IN MINISTRY

These religious communities have joined our **Partners in Ministry** program and offer continual prayer support for the TEC Movement. To have your religious community featured here and on the TEC Conference Web site, contact (636) 933-9233 or office@TECConference.org.

	<p>Sisters of Bon Secours Contact: Sr. Pat Dowling, CBS - 1525 Marriottsville Rd., Marriottsville, Md. 21104 - Phone: (877) 742-0277 e-mail: pat_dowling@bshsi.org Web site: www.bonsecoursvocations.org</p>		<p>Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul Contact: Sr. Theresa Sullivan, D.C. - 9400 New Harmony Road, Evansville, Ind. 47720 - Phone: (812) 963-7556 e-mail: daughtersofcharityvocations@gmail.com Web site: www.daughters-of-charity.com/</p>
	<p>Sisters of St. Francis of the Immaculate Conception Contact: Sr. Paula Vasquez, OSF - 2408 W. Heading Ave. Peoria, Ill. 61604 - Phone: (309) 674-6168 e-mail: srpaulav@yahoo.com Web site: www.westpeoriasisters.org</p>		<p>Sisters of St. Benedict of Ferdinand, Indiana Contact: Sr. Michelle Sinkhorn or Sr. Agnes Marie Dauby 802 E. 10th St., Ferdinand, Ind. 47532 Phone: (812) 367-1411 - e-mail: vocation@thedome.org Web site: www.thedome.org</p>
	<p>Sisters of St. Benedict Contact: Sr. Anne DeMers, OSB - St. Benedict Monastery 620 Summit Ave., Crookston, Minn. 56716 Phone: (218) 281-3441 e-mail: ademers@msb.net Web site: www.msb.net</p>	<h2>TEC Conference Workshops</h2>	
	<p>Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth Contact: Sr. Pat Dotzauer, S.C. P.O. Box 476 Convent Station, N.J. 07961-0476 e-mail: pdotzauer@scnj.org - Web site: www.SCNJ.org</p>	<p>To take part in a workshop, contact the TEC Conference office: Phone: 636-933-9233 - E-mail: office@TECConference.org</p>	
	<p>Josephite Vocations 1200 Varnum Street NE, Washington, DC 20017 phone: 202-832-9100 e-mail: vocations@josephite.com Web site: www.josephite.com</p>	<p> Communities of Faith & Follow-Through: Empowers TEC leaders to become reflective and discerning, not just doing leaders; calls them to deeper conversion, thus building or strengthening TEC centers; moves TEC leaders and communities toward more effective ministry with the Church's young people; shares a vision for Post-TEC weekend follow-through; and fosters a collaborative relationship within and between diocese and TEC centers which are necessary to further the TEC Movement.</p>	
	<p>Redemptoristine Nuns For more information contact: phone: 636-464-1093 e-mail: rednun@redemptoristinenuns.org Web site: www.redemptoristinenuns.org</p>	<p> Renewing the Vision of TEC: Shares a renewed vision of TEC's spiritual processes outlined in the manual; invites deeper conversion, thus building/strengthening TEC communities; rekindles a deeper sense of commitment to Christ as a community of disciples; and fosters collaborative relationships within and between diocese and TEC centers which are necessary to further the TEC Movement.</p>	
	<p>Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth Sr. Sharon Smith, SCL - 4200 South 4th Street Leavenworth, Kan. 66048 - Phone: 913-758-6522 e-mail: ssmith@scsls.org Web site: http://www.scsls.org</p>	<p> Spiritual Directors: Promotes a deeper understanding of theological process of the TEC Movement through Scripture, Eucharist, doctrine and witness; explores the various roles of the TEC spiritual director, including: discernment and formation of TEC teams; mentor and spiritual leader for both adults and young people; and liaison to the bishop, clergy and religious within the diocese; and network and share ideas with other TEC spiritual directors.</p>	
	<p>Divine Word Missionaries Mr. Len Uhal - PO Box 380 Epworth, Iowa 52045 Phone: 800-553-3321 e-mail: svdvocations@dwci.edu Web site: www.svdvocations.org</p>	<p> Team Formation: Reinforces the central spirituality of the weekend, Paschal Mystery Spirituality; strengthens team preparation; increases awareness of the importance of the TEC community in giving weekends; assists in unifying and preparing a team in giving a TEC weekend; and improves in discerning the gifts of members of the TEC community for the good of all.</p>	
	<p>Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, Br. John O'Hara, SA Graymoor, Box 300, Garrison, N.Y. 10524 Web site: www.atonementfriars.org Phone: 1-800-338-2620 ext. 2126 e-mail: vocdirector@atonementfriars.org</p>		
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