



RESOURCES FOR THE TEC FAMILY

by Ron Reiter, *TEC Executive Director*

Welcome to the new year of 2009! As the new year unfolds, showered by God's graces, our TEC Family will have new resources available to support their ministry efforts in their local areas.

Please check out our Web site for the new brochures shared with those in attendance at the TEC Congress. Additional ones have been completed and are also available on the TEC Conference Web site: http://www.tecconference.org/TEC_Publications.html

The brochures available are:

- *Priesthood & TEC*
- *Young Adults & TEC*
- *Vocation Directors & TEC*
- *Campus Ministry & TEC*
- *Diocesan Directors & TEC*
- *TEC (Generic) Brochure*

These brochures have a place for the local center for placing their information label on it. Please download them, print, copy and use them as needed. If there are any comments or suggestions please forward them to us at office@TECconference.org. Thanks and enjoy using them!

IMMEDIATE OPENING

TEC Conference Spiritual Director

Currently, Fr. James Brown, OAR is serving as the spiritual director for the TEC Conference. He sees his role as one of support and formation for the new spiritual director. Thus we have initiated this process.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR: TEC Conference is seeking a full-time spiritual director with a minimum of five years' experience in spiritual formation, pastoral leadership and supervision.

QUALIFICATIONS: Experience in youth/young adult ministry, MA in pastoral ministry, religious education or adult faith formation is required. The candidate should be a mature person comfortable collaborating with a wide variety of adult leaders/volunteers. Strong written and oral communication skills are necessary.

The candidate must live from a deep appreciation of the Catholic faith. Previous experience in the TEC Movement is essential and diocesan ministry experience is preferred. **Send letter of application, resume and three referrals by Feb. 4, 2009 to:**

TEC Conference Search

114 South 2nd Street, Festus, MO. 63028

Phone 636-933-9233 or e-mail Office@TECConference.org,
www.TECConference.org



Best Practices

"Best Practices" shared with the TEC Family

This project was originally proposed at the 2007 TEC Congress, and fully defined at the 2008 Strategic Planning session in Wichita.

In an e-mail that will go out this month, we'll be inviting ten TEC communities to share some of their "Best Practices".

There will be, initially, some suggested areas to guide the TEC communities in their selection of "Best Practices".

There will be possibly some screening and editing necessary before they are placed on the TEC Conference Web site. Ideas that are submitted can be accessed by affiliated TEC Centers with a secured password.

This project will be initiated on a smaller scale at first and then expanded later in the year.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS DVD SERIES

A great resource for team preparation and community formation. Series price is \$200 [or \$100 if your center was represented at the 2007 Spiritual Directors Workshop]; segments can also be purchased individually.

www.TECconference.org

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE!

Annual Harvest Update

\$19,100.45

2008/2009 Goal - \$25,000

Center Support Update

\$903.97

11 centers have contributed!

2008/2009 Goal - \$2,000

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.

VOLUNTEER GRAPHIC DESIGNER

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. Contact the Conference office if interested!



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. Haven't updated your information yet? No problem! Contact the TEC Conference office by phone or e-mail. Thanks for your assistance! Here are a few of the items we will need:

- Lay contact
- Spiritual Director contact
- Weekend dates for 2009
- Is your community celebrating an anniversary?
- Is your TEC Web site linked with ours?
- List of your board/core group members
- Do you have a newsletter? If so, is the TEC Conference receiving one?

REMINDER!

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!

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 their names 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!

Peoria, Ill.
July 24-26, 2009

"A Plentiful Harvest"
Saturday night boat cruise included! Registration information available Jan. 2009

Kansas City, Kan.
July 23-25, 2010



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.

TEC CONFERENCE WISH LIST

We invite you to prayerfully consider donating one of the following items. Before we budget to purchase any of the following items, we first wanted to ask the TEC Family for help.

- **LCD Projector** for presentations at training workshops;
- **Desktop and Laptop Computer**, new or gently used; and
- **Desktop Color Printer** (already donated - thank you!!)

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



HIDDEN LOGO!



This month, we've hidden the spiritual directors logo in this issue of the *Stay Connected*. The **tenth** person to email Mary O'Brien (obrien2176@aol.com) with the correct location of the "hidden" logo will receive a prize!

(Hint: It's not this one, but looks just like it!)



NOVEMBER'S WINNER!



In the November issue, our faithful readers were challenged to find a "hidden" cross. Kyle Holtgrave, Diocesan Associate Director for Youth & Young Adult Ministry in the Diocese of Springfield, Ill. was the winner. Congratulations, Kyle!