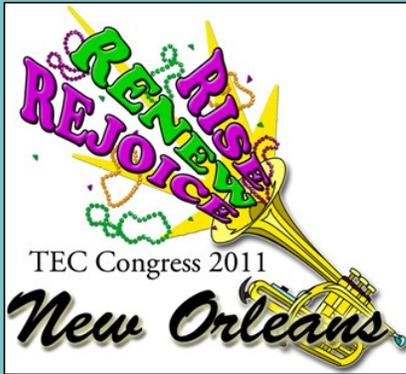




2011 TEC Congress



July 15-17, 2011
New Orleans, La.

Rise, Renew, Rejoice!

Paschal Mystery Spirituality calls each of us to die to whatever keeps us from Christ so we may 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!

NCCYM 2010 Resource Spotlight!

TEC: A Diocesan Tool for Evangelization

The TEC Conference is proud to hold a **Resource Spotlight Presentation at the 2010 NCCYM, Dec. 9 from 12:15-1:15 p.m. in room CC 217.** Please plan to attend this free session **hosted by TEC Founders Fr. Matt Fedewa, & Dorothy Gereke.** Joining them are Kevin Fuller, Billy O'Regan, Ron Reiter & Mary O'Brien.

TEC is celebrating its **forty-fifth** year as an effective tool of evangelization in a diocesan setting that serves older adolescents and young adults.

Dear TEC Family by Ronald Reiter

A Blessed Advent season for each of you, your families and the TEC communities you serve. May it be a special time of preparation for the coming of the Christ child at Christmas.

Another year is almost complete and the Lord continues to bless the TEC Movement with new insights, direction and new opportunities to network and collaborate with other leaders in the larger Church.

Here are some examples of the Lord supporting the TEC Ministry.

- Fr. Matt Fedewa and Dorothy Gereke are being honored by the NFCYM for over 50 years of commitment to youth ministry.
- A book being written about Movements in the Church after Vatican Council II and TEC will have its own chapter. It will be coming out in 2012.
- Half of the TEC Manual has been translated into Spanish and is now being reviewed before moving on to Section 6. The portions translated have been used in Nicaragua and Bolivia for the expansion and updating of TEC there.
- The TEC Conference has been invited to the USCCB meeting in November 2011.
- Five new TEC communities are being formed and should become active in 2011.

Here are some of the challenges that lie before the TEC communities.

- 45%-55% turnover of leadership of both lay and spiritual leaders in the last five years. Their ongoing formation and training

is essential to the vibrancy of their local TEC community.

- Challenges continue in the area of recruiting candidates and team members for the TEC weekends.
- Financial challenges for TEC communities are more prevalent because of the economy.
- Strengthening of the adult and young adult faith community continues to be a major issue in many TEC communities.
- Closing of four TEC communities in 2010.

Here are seven suggested approaches to becoming a stronger and more vibrant TEC community.

- A strong sacramental life for all members of the TEC community.
- A serious commitment to prayer and Christian spirituality.
- Ongoing spiritual formation and training of the leaders in the TEC spiritual processes.
- Outreach in service to the less fortunate in our society.
- Strong collaborative leadership.
- Collaboration and dialogue with other youth ministry organizations.
- A strong fourth day follow-up for all the members of the community, but especially for its newest members.

Thanks for your prayers, ongoing commitment and financial support of the TEC Movement.

Happy Thanksgiving!

In Christ,

TEC Leadership Team is New Orleans Bound For 2011

The TEC Conference leadership team took time out for a quick photo shoot during the fall council meeting held Oct. 15-17, 2010 in Paynesville, Minn. **"We're New Orleans Bound"** for the 2011 TEC Congress hosted by New Orleans TEC, July 15-17, 2011. Please check the TEC Conference Web site for details.



The brochure with registration information will be coming soon! Hope to see everyone there.

TEC Family Happenings! Are you involved yet?

My Bolivia Trip - Part III..... by Sr. Lucille Flores



Best place for a discussion.

You recall that I experienced horrific stomach pains in my flight from Miami to La Paz. Perhaps that was the prelude to my second night at TEC. I had never been so sick in my life. This was compounded by my overly conscientious bent. Lord, how could this be! Not the right time. I have my load to carry! My companions, however, were truly compassionate and accommodating.

Padre Daniel took a different route home avoiding the precipices. There was road construction and poor signage which complicated our trip. A few times we had to stop and wait for the road to be "made". After one of these instances, we drove on what we thought was the road, only to stop abruptly, feet in front of a huge, deep hole. Again we clung tightly to the huge crucifix we were holding!

Arriving quite late at the rectory, we merely unpacked the jeep and retired. My second nightmare! I was terribly ill throughout the night. Fortunately, I had a private room and did not disturb my companions. By morning I was feeling better.

We then began our reorganization in preparation for our flight to Riberalta, our second TEC experience. We were concerned about my health status so we were calling on any and all saints. I believe they heard us, for I recuperated enough to make the trip.

Our plane was one row of seats on each side for a total of eighteen seats, and no bathroom, which was a great concern for me! But God was with me...and all those physician saints!

Welcoming us at Riberalta was Bishop Casey and Padre Miguel. We were housed in the two

story Vicariato Apostolico, their Pastoral Center, which, for years, had been the convent of the Maryknoll sisters. When the bishop heard of my health status, he referred me to their Dispensario Medico, their clinic. I saw Doctor Oscar Serrate Perez, a Medico Cirujano, a surgeon. Excellent physician!

He was quite concerned about my situation, asking that I have two procedures, but I requested to postpone them until I returned home. He put me on intravenous, antibiotics, shots, and a bland diet.

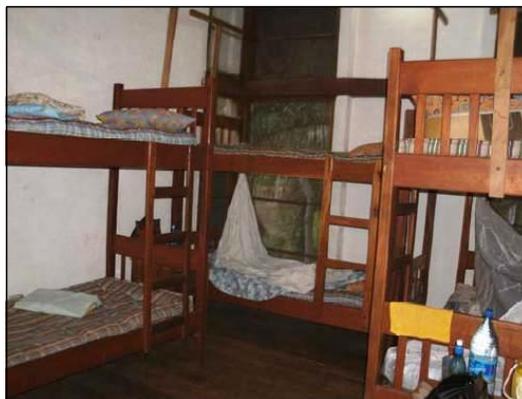
I made a miraculous recovery! The bishop, however, would not allow me to leave the next morning with the group for our TEC, until I saw Doctor Perez again. What a disappointment, but I guess it was a wise call.

Doctor Perez felt I was doing well enough to join the group, so the Bishop provided me with a chauffeur! Again, the center was quite a distance from "civilization" and we had no transportation available to us at the retreat center.

This "campsite," on a lake, now a diocesan retreat center, had been built by Catholic and Protestant missionaries some years prior, but had apparently not been a successful endeavor.

Our accommodations were cabins of two or three "bedrooms" with bunk beds. Here we experienced the exact opposite of our first TEC: very hot and humid! And did we need the netting around our beds!

This article to be continued in the next issue of the Stay Connected.



Our accommodations

Thanksgiving

by Mary O'Brien

In thanksgiving for the gift of each of you! We are hoping you are looking for ways to assist the Conference and council/ministry teams:

Our invitation and wish list to each of you includes:

Wish List of In-kind donations:

- One month supply of white paper
- Stamps
- Donate some travel miles. Are you aware that our council and ministry teams pay their own way to two meetings per year?

Restricted donations:

- Sponsor a workshop
- Sponsor the TEC Conference booth at national gatherings
- Sponsor one months' rent, telephone, copier bill

Volunteer:

- **Grants** - Writing is truly a gift. Do you have that gift to offer?
- **Ministry Teams** - Volunteer to join a team: Spirituality, Finance, Development, Communications
- **Telephone Calls** - Are you experienced in chatting on the telephone? If so, we need you!
- **Prayer Team** - Are you experienced in prayer? We know that you are and we need you! You would be added to the Conference prayer team. Our prayer team is notified of someone from a TEC community in need of special prayers. You would intentionally pray for all the TEC weekends and you would be invited to send general wheat letters to other TEC communities.

If interested, please e-mail me at obrien2176@aol.com or call 515-321-8519. Thanks for the gift you are to TEC!

In deep gratitude for those who have contributed to the 2010 Annual Harvest. We are still counting on you!

As of 11-20-10:

\$16,820 and our goal is \$25,000
87 donations to date.

Thank you!

TEC Family Happenings! Are you involved yet?

TEC Conference Workshops

To have your community take part in a workshop, please contact Ron Reiter at the TEC Conference office:
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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.



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.



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.



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.

TEC Conference Partners in Ministry

These religious communities have joined our **Partners in Ministry** program and offer continual prayer support for the TEC Movement. Please contact us to have your religious community featured here and on the TEC Conference.

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