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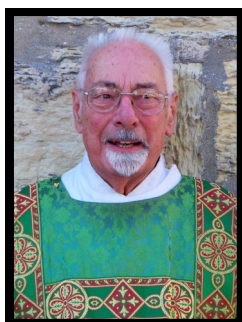
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OCTOBER 2011

We Are Many Parts . . .

By: Deacon Vince Slomian

Dear TECites: What a wonderful fall we have been having. Now that



we have our first TEC week-end behind us, and

the second one almost here, we can concentrate on encouraging candidates for the December girls' weekend and the celebration of Jesus' birth.

St. Paul wrote to the Ephesians when he was in prison and said: "We are all parts of one body, we have the same spirit, and we have all been called to the same glorious future."

In versus 15-16 he says: "By speaking the truth in a spirit of love, we must grow up in every way to Christ, who is the head. Under his control all the different parts of the body fit together, and the whole body is held together by every joint with which it is pro-

vided. So when each separate part works as it should, the whole body grows and builds itself up through love."

God reveals His will through a community of believers, and Jesus speaks to believers through believers.

I was driving down Route 251, my eye saw a traffic light. The sensors within my eyes perceived that the color of the light was red. My brain checked my

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Remembering a Marine: A Hero

The Peterstown TEC Community remembers Captain Thomas Heitmann, son of Tom and Mary Therese Heitmann of Mendota, who was killed Sept. 19, in a training exercise at Camp Pendleton in San Diego, California.

Several TECites gath-

ered Oct. 2 to place flags along the route from Holy Cross Church to the St. Theresa's Cemetery

in Earlville, where he was laid to rest.



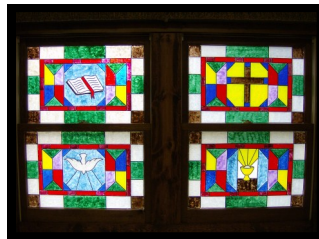
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Pass It On . . . A Note From Brenda

By: Brenda Barnickel, Lay Director

The TEC Center has been blessed once again with the passing on of time, talent, and treasure.

The chapel windows were replaced in time to kick off our 35th TEC season. The project was entirely



donated by the generous hearts of those involved.

The glass windows

above the chapel doors have been repaired and replaced. Both windows above each door have been etched with a cross, wheat, and scroll work, and can be viewed from either inside or outside of the chapel.

The stained glass window panes were replaced due to age and weather damage.

New stained glass artwork was painted focusing on the Bible, Cross, Eucharist, and Holy Spirit. All four have a similar pattern, but each has a different symbol in the center.



The windows were installed and woodwork stained just in time for our September TEC weekend.

The next time you visit the Peterstown Hilton, please stop by the chapel to say a prayer, and to view the new windows in person.

We are forever grateful to those who felt in their heart to Pass It On. I know God is smiling.

Capt. Heitmann Remembered

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Funeral services were held Oct. 3 at Holy Cross Church with Bishop Daniel R. Jenky celebrating a mass of Christian Burial. Concelebrants were Father Fredi Gomez Torrez and Father Gary Blake.

Thomas, 27, is survived by his parents;

one brother, Aaron of Glenn Ellyn; four sisters, Rachel (Dave) Christensen of Burbank, Calif., Hannah (Matt) Pozzi of Lake-moor, Sarah (Abe) Henkel of Charlotte, N.C., and Mary Elizabeth Heitmann of Lake-moor; his paternal grandmother, maternal grandfather, two nieces,

Ella and Nora Henkel; two nephews, Terrapin and Xavier Christensen; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Thomas, a decorated Marine, was promoted to Captain from 1st Lieutenant after his death, and made TEC 128.

The TEC Community will plant a tree in his memory.

We Are One Body

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memory bank and announced the meaning of a red light to my right foot. My right foot responded by leaving the accelerator and pressing the brake pedal.

Now what if my body hadn't functioned properly? What if my eye had decided not to be a part of the body because the nose had hurt its feelings? Or what if the foot was tired of being bossed around and decided to press the gas pedal instead of the brake pedal?

What if the right foot

was in pain, but too proud to tell the left foot, so the left foot didn't know to step in and help? In all instances, a wreck would occur.

God has given each part of the body of Christ an assignment. He has called each one of you to be on a TEC weekend, to be the Body of Christ.

God revealed His will to you, so you can speak of Him to you peers, your relatives, and your friends. You received the Light of Christ on the weekend, and now you are to share that Light of Christ with others.

Keep Us Updated

Did you know that the TEC Program is charged a fee for non-deliverable newsletters or for the forwarding of some newsletters to new addresses?

Therefore, it is very important to have correct addresses on file to keep costs reduced.

If you plan to move or have had a change of address, please send it to newsletter@peterstowntec.com.

To reduce printing and mailing costs, the Peterstown TEC Community is sending the majority of our publications electronically.

Other TEC notifications are also sent out through Email.

Therefore, it is very important that we have updated email addresses. Please send your updated Email addresses to Brenda Barnickel at laydirector@peterstowntec.com or to Kim Souba, Newsletter and Website Chairman at newsletter@peterstowntec.com.

Saving money on newsletters will allow the TEC Community to use the funds for the "Good of the Program."



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Important TEC Dates

Please make sure to mark your calendar so that you don't miss out on all the fun we have at the TEC Hilton, spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ.

The following are the important dates:

+ **Oct. 23:** TEC Reboost 6 -8p.m.

+ **Oct. 26:** Council Meeting at 6p.m.

Nov. 2: First Team meeting TEC 177 (Girls)

+ **Nov 5, 6 & 7:** TEC 176 (Boys)

+ **Nov. 6:** Hoot Mass 5:30

pm; Hoot 7 pm

+ **Nov. 7:** TEC Center Clean Up 4:30 pm

+ **Nov. 8:** Spiritual Core Team 6:30 pm

+ **Nov. 13:** Follow Up 5:30 pm

PRAY! PRAY! PRAY!

Welcome TECites of TEC 175



On behalf of the entire TEC Community, we would like to welcome the newest TECites of TEC 175. The weekend was held Sept. 24-26, under the direction of Leader Diane Carlone and Assistant Leaders: Erica Warren and

Denise

Bauer.

New TECites include: Courtney Bazydlo, Abby Milus, Jessica Nelson, Kelli Robinson, Haley Sondgeroth, Becky Storck, Mary Jane Thompson, Brooke Veronda, Brooke Watkins, and Cindy Belan.

Prayers Needed

Please pray for the Team of TEC 176: Leader, Jeff Schimmer; Assistant Leaders, Mike Perez and Aaron Hoscheid; Deacon Vince Slomian, Father Gary Blake, Anita Kobilek, Dan O'Conner, Derek Green, Mike Webster, Duane and Julie Krzyzek, Jered Hoscheid, Andrew Loebach, Rhodes Garland, Dominic Passini, Collin Bezely, Rey Arteaga, Trae Blumhorst, Jonathon Gehm, and Kevin Alleman.

Let us also pray for all those TECites and their families who are suffering from illness, particularly cancer.

May God grace them with His healing touch and give their caregivers strength and faith.

Remember all prayer requests may also be submitted on the Peterstown TEC Website at www.peterstowntec.com.

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How Christians Are Like Pumpkins

A woman was asked
by a co-worker,
“What is it like to be a
Christian?”
The co-worker replied,
“It is like being a
pumpkin.
God picks you from
the patch,
brings you in, and
washes all the dirt off
of you.

Then he cuts off the
top and scoops out all
the yucky stuff.
He removes the seeds
of doubt, hate, greed,
etc., and then He
carves you a new
smiling face
and puts His light in-
side of you to shine for
all the world to see.”

