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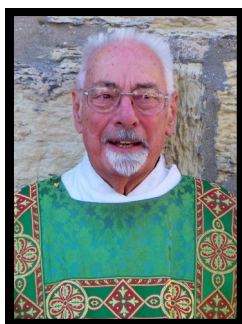
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SEPTEMBER 2011

New Season Underway

By: Deacon Vince Slomian

Good Day to All TECites and Families, Well, the summer is



over and we are back to school and the beginning of a new TEC Season.

That is what we have been waiting for . . . another chance to be on a team, a Wheat Team, come to a Hoot, or work in the kitchen.

We also have the opportunity to write Wheat letters.

Everyone of these events are very important to the TEC weekend and for the good of the TEC Program.

We need YOU. You are the most important part of the program. If it wasn't for you, we wouldn't have celebrated our 35th year here at Peterstown.

We want to thank all those people who were involved in helping with the Open House last

month. We also thank all those who attended and enjoyed the tours, the video presentation, and the wonderful food.

It was very well attended and everyone enjoyed the day.

Please keep the team of TEC 175 in your prayers, and pray about signing a candidate up for the weekend.

The goal is still 27 candidates. . . .(it won't happen, I hope) in order for my hair to turn pink for the weekend.

Peterstown Turned 35 in 2011

TEC celebrated it's milestone birthday of 35 years during August.

Thanks to the organization of Dennis Gillan and others, a float was driven through the Sweet Corn Festival parade

with Ginny Funfsinn, first Lay Director aboard.

Thousands of adults and teens are grateful for the leadership and guidance that Ginny provided in helping TEC get start-

ed at the Hilton and then leading the program

for many years.



Pass It On . . . A Note From Brenda

By: Brenda Barnickel, Lay Director

As we start this 35th TEC season, I want to thank everyone in advance for their WHEAT!! There is no act of WHEAT too small!

It says it best in the scripture reading from 1 Corinthians 12: 12-20: “For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

“For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many.

“If the foot would say, ‘Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,’ that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, ‘Because I am not an eye, I do not belong

to the body,’ that would not make it any less a part of the body.

“If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in

the body, each one of them, as he chose.

“If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body.”

Pass It On by doing WHEAT for the program . . . with prayer, singing or playing music, cooking and serving, being a part of a team or wheat team, encouraging candidates, writing letters, leading, listening, guiding and setting an example, making phone calls, cleaning, or by just lending a hand when needed.

Remember: Christ is Counting on You and so am I!!

Let’s make it a great 35th Season at the Peterstown Hilton!



TECite Reflects on WYD

The following is a reflection from Lesly Grant, a University of Illinois student and a TECite on her trip to World Youth Day, which was held in Madrid, Spain, Aug. 14-

21. Lesly travelled to Madrid with a group led by Father John Cyr, priest of the Diocese of Peoria.

“With over a million people there it was both exciting and over-

whelming.

The Love and Life Center was the main English speaking building

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Many Thanks

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Lay Director, Brenda Barnickel, expressed the Community's gratefulness to Ginny "for her willingness to help get the TEC program started at Peterstown," adding "We Love You Ginny!"

Like any successful program, it takes an army of volunteers to run the weekends and help with the details when celebrating.

We would like to thank everyone from both the TEC program and the Cur-sillo program who participated in the parade or helped in any way with the Open House.

It was truly a success,

with more than 60 people attending, including Ron Reiter, Executive Director of the TEC Conference from Festus, Missouri; Mary O'Brien of Pleasant Hill, Iowa; Penny Wolf of Mansfield, near Champaign-Urbana; Deacon Bob Sondag of Peoria, and Sister Jacque Schroeder, of Metamora.

Winners of the Open House drawings were: Julie Mahoney-Krzyzek, TEC Snuggie; Carol vandre, \$25 TEC Store gift certificate; and Monica Bach, \$50 Weekend gift certificate.

May the Lord continue to bless the Peterstown TEC Community with many more years to come.

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:

+ **Sept. 21:** Last Team meeting TEC 175 (Girls)

+ **Sept. 24-26:** TEC 175 (Girls)

Hoot Mass Sept. 25 at 5:30p.m.

+ **Sept. 26:** TEC Clean-up TEC 174 at 4:30p.m.

+ **Oct. 2:** TEC Follow-up at 5:30p.m.

+ **Oct. 5:** First Team meeting

TEC 176 (Boys)

+ **Oct. 11:** Spiritual Core Meeting at 6:30p.m.

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

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

+ **Nov. 5-7:** TEC 176 (Boys)

PRAY! PRAY! PRAY!

Two Receive TEC Awards

The TEC Community would like to recognize and congratulate Anita Kobilsek and Kim Santman on receiving the 2011 Spirit of TEC Awards.

Each year the TEC Conference honors individuals who have dedicated many years of exemplary commitment and service to the youth and young adults within the TEC Program.

Kim and Anita are both gifts to the whole TEC Community and are currently serving as Assistant Spiritual Directors.

The next time you see them, be sure to congratulate them and thank them for their service.

May God continue to bless them for the work they do for His greater honor and glory!



Kim & Anita

Sister Returns From Africa

Sister Anne Germaine Picard SMP, a Sister of Mary of the Presentation who resides in Princeton, Illinois, recently returned from Cameroon, Africa, where she lived and ministered with members of her community from France and Africa to the people in the prisons, parishes, schools, clinics, and hospital.

The purpose: “to offer support to our Sisters ministering in that area of Africa,” said Sister Anne Germaine.

“My living and

ministering with our Sisters gave me a new perspective on the meaning and living of our charism,” she said. “We were founded as a congregation to live in community a life of consecration to God dedicated to be servants of the Gospel.”

While in Cameroon, Sister Anne Germaine witness firsthand

the poverty amongst the native peoples.

“The

poor were always before us, with us or at our door. No matter where we drove, there were people on the roads walking; most of them were carrying their load of merchandise (eggs, pails of water, wood, etc.) on their heads.”

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Sister Anne Germaine gives out rosaries.

WYD Was Life-Changing for TECites

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We gathered there every day for our Catechesis session followed by Mass, other speakers, and some sort of entertainment.

It was run by the Sisters of Life from New York. The arena was full of groups from the United States, Canada, Great Britain, Australia, Jamaica, and the Philippines.

All of the speakers were amazing. We had the chance to hear Archbishops and Cardinals talk about their experiences with World Youth Days in the past and just about the Catholic faith in general.

The nights were full of concerts and other forms of entertainment. We usually ended our nights with a late meal and then headed back to the University, where we stayed in dorms.

Friday was the day of the Stations of the Cross. We missed our Catechesis session that day and camped out by where we knew the Pope would be passing by.

We sat for six hours waiting and then we saw the Popemobile travelling



towards us.

It was unreal. It was only about a minute that we got to see Pope Benedict

XVI, but it was an amazing minute.

The crowds were screaming and waving. Being that close to the Holy Father, even for just a minute, was a truly life changing experience.

Saturday was the Vigil at the Cuatro Vientos Aerodome, the oldest Spanish airport and one of the three civil airports of Madrid. Pope Benedict was delayed because of rain.

When he finally did get to speak, he spoke about the theme, was "Rooted and built up in Christ, firm in the faith."

When he was done speaking, there were tents set up for Adoration and priests scattered around offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It was a truly beautiful thing to walk around see priests giving absolution to all those around me.

On Sunday morning, we celebrated Mass with the Pope. It was a wonderful Mass, but unfortunately we could not re-



ceive Communion.

During the storm the night before a few Adoration tents were ruined and the Eucharist destroyed; therefore out of respect for the Eucharist, communion was not given to everyone.

At the end of the Mass, the Pope said a final blessing, which we were told blessed not only us but our families and any religious items we had in our possession at the time.

It was also announced that the next World Youth Day would be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. World Youth Day concluded after Mass.

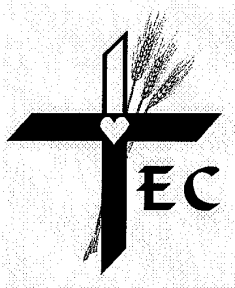
Our group went on to Barcelona for two days, where we toured many Churches including Sagrada Familia. It was all beautiful.

My whole trip was a trip of a lifetime and I'd like to thank everyone who helped me get there! You were all in my prayers!

Editor's Note: If you went to World Youth Day, please write your reflections and send them and your photos to Kim Souba at newsletter@peterstowntec.com . She will then put them on the Peterstown TEC Website.



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Peterstown TEC
c/o Brenda Barnickel
Deacon Vince Slomian

August 21, 2011

Dear Members of the Peterstown TEC Family,

*"There is only one thing to do here below: to love Jesus,
to win souls for Him so that He may be loved."
~ St. Therese of Lisieux, Patron Saint of TEC*

On behalf of the entire TEC Movement, we want to say THANK YOU for reaching out to the young people of the Peoria Diocese these past 35 years through TEC. Thanks also to each one of you for saying "yes" to Jesus' call to serve Him as part of Peterstown TEC. Your commitment so "that He may be loved" by the youth and young adults of your diocese has literally changed countless lives; strengthened faith; touched hearts; and inspired vocations.

As you gather here today, we hope it is a time of faith, fellowship and fun! Share stories. Eat a meal together. Laugh. Renew your commitment to Christ. Remember. Sing. Pray and praise. Receive Jesus in the Eucharist. In other words, enjoy being together as a family!

Your larger TEC Family is with you in prayer as you mark this very important milestone in your history. It is our prayer that God's grace will continue to shine through Peterstown TEC, and be a blessing to the larger Church for another 35 years!

In Our Lord Jesus,

Bishop William Patrick Callahan
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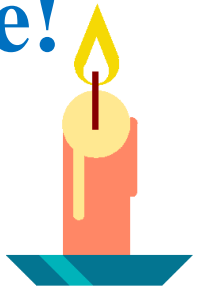
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Prayers Needed

Please pray for the Team of TEC 175: Leader, Diane Carlone; Assistant Leaders, Erica Warren and Denise Bauer; Deacon Vince Slomian, Kim Santman, Verene O'Connor, Father Ron Dodd, Cindy Belan, Kim Schimmer, Emilie Gimbal, Deb Funfsinn, Bill and Kay Miner, Kendyl Bartoluzzi, Erica Hornung, Whitney Thompson, Julia Massino, Taylor Kettleborough, Alyssa Porter, and Meghan Cessna.

Let us also pray 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.

**Christ is
Counting on YOU!**



Sister's Experiences

Sister Anne Germaine, along with Sister Suzanne Stahl, ministered to the people of Yaoundé, Batouri, Yokadouma, Diang, Kentzou and Salapoumbe.

On Sunday, Oct 23, Sister Anne Germaine will offer a presentation in Princeton for anyone who would like to learn more about the work she did. More details will be in the next newsletter.