

THE SHINING SON

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“This is the day the Lord has made, Let us rejoice and be Glad”

Good day to all you Wonderful People,

As the sport teams would say: “LET’S PACK THE HOUSE!” You certainly did just that. Many thanks to all who signed up candidates for TEC #194, those who prayed for us and those who worked behind the scene. It was a wonderful weekend that we all “encountered Christ” in our own way. God is good.

One of the many charms about lovable Pope John XXIII tells of the time he was discussing some of the basic truths about our faith with some leaders in the Church. Among other things he asked: “What do you think is the purpose of life?” Several gave answers in line with the usual and correct one, namely: The purpose of life is know, love, and serve God in this life so that we can be happy with him forever in heaven. Good Pope John smiled, but shook his head. Finally he gave the answer he was looking for: “you are right as far as you go—the purpose of life is to know, love, and serve God, but that is not enough. We must HELP OTHERS to know, love, and serve God.

As with so many other teachings and practices of our Christian faith, Pope John had given a basic truth of our religion another dimension, another important angle, an angle which we can apply to what Jesus tells us. Namely that the big proof of our love of God is keeping God’s commandments. We do this, not as servants, but as friends, not in fear, but in true affection for the Father. Then Jesus adds: “This I command you, to love one another.”

One way to love our neighbor is to help that neighbor love God. How can we help others love God, that is to please God? By helping them keep the commandments which tell us what pleases God and what displeases Him.

Every time we explain the laws of God to another we are helping that person know what pleases God. Keeping those laws yourself is even better instruction. Parents are the first and best teachers of what God wants. They prove their love for their children by helping their children know what is right and wrong. This should be the motive, the reason for all teaching of the commandments. Sharing your Catholic paper, your catechism, a book or pamphlet with a non-Christian can be a beginning for that person to love God.

Let me mention, by way of example, some specific ways to help others love God. Here is a young lady with an unwanted pregnancy. She is tempted to murder her baby. Help her, through Abigail Women's Clinic, Rite to Life, Abortion Alternative, or any other way to keep her baby, and you are helping her please God. By going to Church to worship God regularly you are encouraging others, Catholic and non-Catholic, to keep the Lord's Day. By respecting the names of God, you help others respect the holy names. By giving an honest day's work and an honest day's wage, by studying and not wasting time, by paying your bills, by respecting others, their property, you are helping keep God's law.: "Thou shalt not steal." By avoiding gossip, speaking kindly to others, and not bullying, you are helping your family and friends to respect the good name of your neighbor. By cleanliness of speech and action you help others keep the law of purity, the sixth commandment. This holds especially true in the company we keep. Help your companion keep the laws of God. That will prove you love him or her more strongly than if you lead your friend to displease God by breaking His laws out of false love.

Ask God through attending Church, to help you to know, love and serve Him, and to help others to know, love and serve him.

Keep up the good work this summer, and start signing up candidates for TEC#195 in September. Let's PACK THE HOUSE AGAIN!

In his Love,
Deacon Vince
"Keep Coming Back"



Lead Me Lord!

By: Robin Santman, Lay Director

As some of you know, I have been on the road quite a bit the past couple of years traveling between Peru, IL to Peterstown TEC Center, then back to Peru and then to Amana, Iowa and back to Peru. My Mom, Elaine (Schmidt) Boddicker has been a resident in a nursing home and then hospice care the past couple of years in Amana. She passed away April 8th at the age of 89. Her whole life had God and family at it's center up until the end. It was a life that included driving mules and then tractors on family farms, helping her mom with her little sisters, cleaning the church, teaching CCD, helping with funeral dinners, and doing everything else that a wife and mother does for her family. It was a good life for the most part.

I just want to say thank you to everyone for prayers, cards, and support the past couple of years while I navigated the challenges of caring for a loved one from a distance. Mom has sisters and friends in that area who could visit her, in comparison to bringing her closer to my home where there was only me to take care of her. In Amana she was in a place she was familiar with most of her life. In fact, her dad had been in the same nursing home in 1973 when he passed away. Yes, at times it was difficult for me to make those long drives but it was worth it to allow Mom to remain within her comfort area.

The above example demonstrates how important "community" can be to individuals no matter how old you may be. Whether it is in a nursing home, a college sorority or fraternity, your neighborhood, on a TEC Team, on a TEC weekend, or in your own parish community. Life is easier when you have others to help you. Your Peterstown TEC Community is there for you. Please let us know what we can do to help. If you need prayers or just need to talk with someone you can contact our council chairman(see our web page)and they will get you in touch with the right people.

Lead us Lord!
Robin Santman

NEW TECITES

Welcome New TECites:

Abbie Aldenhoff, Katie Alleman, Ryann Avery, Nicole Bouxsein, Lauren Colby, Alexis Diaz, Nancy Duong, Emma Foley, Kelsey Grosenbach, Sarah Hunter, Allison Koyak, Pamela Larrison, Whitney Lewis, Haley Lunn, Taylor McCauley, Lauren Motter, Larisa Moya, Matalyn Nowakowski, Mari O'Donnell, Madisyn Quinn, Lindsey Raineri, Teresa Sajuan, Emily Schneider, and Lindsay York.

New Team Member: Nicole Molina



Thank You to the Men of TEC #193 for coming back and doing some extra

"Wheat" cleaning up after TEC # 194!

You all did a great job in getting it done within an hour!

Fourth Day Bio

4th Day Bio- Robin Santman, Peterstown TEC Lay Director

I am Robin Santman and you probably see me or my name everywhere about the Peterstown TEC Community.

My first TEC was #103 as an adult as part of the married couple talk. I was an assistant on #110 and #114. I was a leader on #120. I have been on a couple wheat teams and settled in to working in the kitchen for Monday lunch after that. That was a nice way to stay involved a bit while taking care of four children until they were old enough to drive.

My responsibilities are numerous but communication is the most important part of my position.

I need to communicate with chairman and co-chairman on TEC Council, the Spiritual Director (Deacon Vince), TEC Conference, St. Peter and Paul Parish (Holy Cross), Peterstown TEC Community, Cursillo Community (as needed), find replacements for TEC Council, help replenish supplies, and help oversee cleaning the TEC Center.

The best part of having this position is being a witness to the teen candidates coming for a weekend and seeing how their faith grows thru the weekend and over the TEC season as they "keep coming back" to be on a TEC Team.



TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST 50 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

COME HOME with us as we celebrate the gift of TEC!!

We have 8 TECites committed so far to experiencing the 50th Anniversary of TEC celebration. There is still plenty of time to register for the family reunion, **COMING HOME**, to be held June 12-14 at Our Lady of the Snows Shrine in Belleville, IL. TECites need to be at least 18 years old to attend. Check out the plans for the weekend at www.teconference.org.

There are many options: Full Event – private room or 2, 3, 4, 5 person rooms (the more to a room the cheaper the individual cost); Full Event without hotel; Saturday only without hotel; or Saturday evening only (concert) without hotel or meals. Registering can be done online, but we would like to coordinate groups to keep costs low and to plan travel groups. **So prior to registering please express your interest to Brenda Barnickel, TEC Reboost Chairman at (815) 973-6606, or Robin Santman, Lay Director at (815) 780-8402.**

We will leave Friday morning to arrive for afternoon registration and will be back home by supper time on Sunday. Work schedules will need to be cleared for that weekend in advance.

It would be awesome to have some of our smiling Peterstown faces join the larger TEC family on this special, once in a life time, weekend. There will be food, Mass, speakers, stories, adoration, a celebratory concert with live music, and many activities to spark....pray, play, and share time. There will be specially designed 50th Anniversary t-shirts and limited edition, gold plated TEC Crosses offered as mementos of the special event. There's a hotel right on the beautiful grounds with plenty of walking paths to enjoy.

Pass the word..... invite a TECite friend to go along!!

Remember there are no strangers at TEC, only friends you haven't met.....

TEC # 195

Please keep TEC Team #195 in your prayers. Team formation starts in late summer with a Girls weekend in late September. Hand out those candidate applications and look for more information about TEC dates for next season.



TEC is going **GREEN**. We are asking for your assistance with this transition by keeping TEC updated with contact information, especially e-mails. New TECites receiving the newsletter in the mail will need to notify TEC if they want to remain on the mailing list. Otherwise it will be assumed that they now have the capability to look up the newsletter electronically. Money saved in postage will be used elsewhere for the "good of the TEC Program".

CLIP AND SAVE 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.

- * May 20th- 6:00 p.m. Final TEC Council meeting of the season. Pot Luck. If you haven't signed up to bring a dish yet, contact Kim Santman at - council_chairman@peterstowntec.com and let him know what you want to bring.
- * May 31st- Mass for Ruth Slomian St. Peter and Paul Church 9:00 a.m.
- * June 12-14 TEC Congress at The National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, Belleville, Illinois.

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KEEP PRAYING: CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU

Pray for the team of TEC#195 as they prepare for the girl's TEC weekend to be held In September.

Pray for all TECites and their families who are suffering from illness, loss of jobs, and other stresses of life. May God grace them with His healing and give their caregivers strength and faith.

Remember all prayer requests may also be submitted on the Peterstown TEC website at <https://www.peterstowntec.com>.



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