



THE SHINING SON

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Dear TECites and families,
Well, the TEC season started off with a bang having nine young ladies attend TEC #195. Now the preparation of TEC #196 is under way. The team and candidates that will be coming need your prayers and "wheat".

For you people who have been on a TEC team, do you remember the form that you filled out titled "Here I Am Lord". I know that you all read it very carefully and I would like to share a story with you that pertains to the contents of that form. I'm sure that those who have not been on a team and haven't read the form will understand the point that I and the story are making.

"Let's Go & Preach"

One day, St. Francis of Assisi said to one of the young monks, "Let us go down to the town and preach!" The novice, delighted at being singled out to be the companion of Francis, obeyed with much joy. They passed thru the main streets, turned down many of the byways and alleys, made their way into the suburbs, and at great length returned by a round-about way to the monastery gate. As they approached it, the younger man reminded Francis of his original intention.

"You have forgotten, Father, that we went to the town to preach!" "My son," Francis replied, "we have preached. We were preaching while we were walking. We have been seen by many; our behavior has been closely watched; it was thus that we preached our morning sermon. It is of no use, my son, to walk anywhere to preach unless we preach everywhere as we walk."

I believe this is a good lesson for all of us. It's not always what we say that people remember but it's how we act and live our everyday life.

In His Service,
Deacon Vince
"Keep Coming Back"

Lead Me Lord!

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Autumn is my favorite time of the year and we have had a great one in our area so far. We have had a lot of dry conditions allowing our local farmers to get into the fields to harvest their crops. God provides the right conditions and time for everything to "come together" to achieve the results God intends. It is not in our time but God's time. We pray and persevere.

The theme of TEC #195 was "God knows the way, so we're letting him drive on TEC#195!" It was so true. Most TEC weekends from team formation thru follow-up work that way! It is up to God who is available to be on the TEC team and if that TECite says yes to be a part of that TEC Team. It is up to God, who is invited to be a candidate whether they are invited by a TEC team member or anyone else in the community. (We all need to invite a candidate for a TEC weekend!). It is up to God if that prospective candidate says yes to make a TEC weekend and gets to Peterstown on Saturday morning. Only God knows what the outcome will be.

There are TECites praying for YOU to say "YES" when that TEC Lay Leader calls you to be on the next TEC Team or the Wheat Team Leader calls you to be on that next Wheat Team. Autumn is always a difficult time of year to get a TEC Team together. It is a new school year, new sports schedules, Homecoming, weddings, harvest time, vacations for retired people, and a lot of STUFF going on. It is amazing that God motivates just the right TECites to say yes to a team position. God gives us freedom of choice and we just have to pray about it and let God "drive." Whatever your choice is when you receive a call to be a part of the next TEC Team, just pray about your response. God already knows what you will say.

Lead us Lord!

TEC TEAM #196

Please keep TEC #196 team members in your prayers.

Lay Leader-Andy Wujek

Assistant Leaders-Joe Migliorini, Anthony Schneider

Team- Fr. Bowan Schmitt, Deacon Vince Slomian, Kim Santman, Anita Kobilek, Steve Harmon, Paul Becker, Dino Gualandri, Victor Hernandez, Andrew Lopez, Greg Oseland, Jesus Torres, Austin Sullivan, Caleb Spears

New TECITES

Welcome New TECites of Peterstown TEC #195!

Carly Burke, Kimmy Duong, Hanna Hundley, Brianna Lau, Elle McComber, Mary Sims, Gillian Sutton, Paige Veronda, Emma Wilke, and Fr. Joel Phelps

PETERSTOWN TEC COMMUNITY- 40th ANNIVERSARY

The Peterstown TEC Community will be celebrating the 40th anniversary next July 2016!

The date of July 10th has been reserved at the Mendota Civic Center for this memorable celebration. Jason and Kim (Halm) Kotecki will be here to help us celebrate. Jason will be our guest speaker. He and Kim met thru Peterstown TEC. Jason is an artist, author, and professional speaker. His most recent publication is "Penguins Can't Fly."

We would like a group of TECites to help plan some of the other parts to this celebration. If you would like to help, please contact Robin Santman laydirector@peterstowntec.com (815-780-8402), or Brenda Barnickel reboost@peterstowntec.com (815-538-2091).

“SPIRIT OF TEC” 2015

Steve and Mary Kunkel of Lostant, Illinois are the recipients of this year's "Spirit of TEC" Award here at Peterstown.

This award recognizes members of our TEC Community for their dedication and service. They live out the Paschal Mystery in their lives, have contributed to TEC in a significant way, committed to serving the Church, youth, and young adults, and generously share their love, faith, and enthusiasm with others. This award was prepared and displayed during this year's TEC Congress, "50 Year Gathering" which took place at The National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, Illinois back in June.

Steve made his first TEC in 1975 before Peterstown TEC existed- TEC #33 in Peoria. Mary made her first TEC in 1979- TEC #14 at Peterstown. Throughout the years they have never stopped being involved with the TEC program. Steve and Mary have both been leaders of different TECs and have served in several ways-kitchen crew helpers, married couple speakers, Assistant Spiritual Directors, Follow-Up coordinators, and Core team members.

Steve and Mary's love and support of TEC has allowed their three children to be active in the TEC family at Peterstown as well. For Steve and Mary, TEC truly is a family community rooted in Christ. It is with great joy they witness to the power of God working through TEC transforming lives.



Congratulations Steve and Mary!



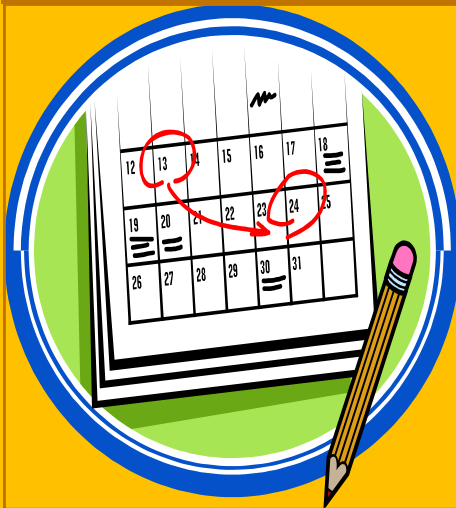
TALENT SEARCH

Do you have a skit in mind for the upcoming TEC HOOT? Maybe you play a musical instrument or sing? Sharing the gift God has given you as an act of “wheat” during the HOOT would be GREAT! Please contact Brett Becker @815-303-6656 or Savanna Sondergroth @ 815-488-2899 if you want to be included in the variety show at the HOOT!

MILESTONES

We would like to share your milestones with the TECite community. If you would like to share news of a milestone in your life, please send the info to newsletter@peterstowntec.com. We would love to hear about your marriage, the birth of a child, an anniversary, a graduation, etc.

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.

October 28th-
TEC Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Safe Environment Session 6:30 p.m. Gym

November 4th-
First Girls TEC Team #197 meeting-
meet in gym 6:30
Boys TEC Team # 196 Pot Luck-
regular meeting place

November 7-9th-
Boys TEC # 196 Weekend

November 15th- Follow-Up 5:30 p.m.

November 23rd- MONDAY-
TEC Council meeting 6:00 p.m.
Safe Environment Session 6:30 in Gym

December 5-7th- Girls TEC #197 Weekend

THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to the members of TEC #194 for helping clean the TEC Center after TEC #195. Special thank you to Rhonda Bezely, Kaitlynn Wujek, Karen Stremmlau, Megan Santman, and Kim Santman. All of your extra wheat is much appreciated!

Many THANKS to the TECites that came for the annual fall cleaning at the TEC Center back on Sept 19th before the start of this TEC season. Thank you to Brenda Vaessen, Don, Carol, and Michael McLachlan, Rhonda Bezely, Jeanne Fitzpatrick, Brenda Barnickel, and Kim Santman. You all did a great job!



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".



Pope Francis came to visit TEC #195 and gave the “thumbs –up” to the Wheat Team!

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KEEP PRAYING: CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU

Pray for the team of TEC#196 as they prepare for the boys TEC weekend to be held November 7-9.

Pray for all TECites and their families who are suffering from illness, loss of jobs, and other stressors of life. 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 <https://www.peterstowntec.com>. PRAYER REQUESTS.

