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THE SHINING SON

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September 2015

By: Deacon Vince Slomian



Dear TECites, and family,

WOW !! Can you believe that summer is almost over. All the kids are back in school or on the job. Those summers really go by too fast - at least for some of us and others would like to see them linger for nine more months, instead of school for nine months.

Well, the team of TEC #195 is organized and ready for the challenge with the candidates. I think we have been assured that this and every TEC Team is God's team. We have to let him lead us in selecting team members and candidates, but you are the people who have to sign up the right people to attend TEC #195. If you remember last TEC that you were able to "Pack the House" with candidates and you met the challenge, so you were able to dye the little hair that I have, PINK. So I am challenging you again to "Pack the House". All it takes is perseverance by talking to your friends, relatives and neighbors and giving them applications for the weekend. They will be happy that you wanted to share a joyous and spiritual weekend with them.

I spent some time today talking with a young priest and explaining all about the weekend, sharing my love for the TEC program with him. He commented that it seemed that I could talk for hours on end about the program. Well, he was right- I could, because I feel that it is a wonderful program and all teens and adults would enjoy spending a weekend at Peterstown. Everyone grows from the experience.

I had a mother tell me that her daughter, a college student, wrote a letter to her in which she expressed great admiration for Deacon Vince. "Mother, I never get tired of hearing his homilies," she wrote. "That deacon is such a wonderful preacher that you would think every word he said was true." Well, it is true in this article. But, maybe in my preaching there is a little "bending" of the truth.

Get those applications out and follow-up with them. We all want to see the "Packed House".

With Jesus' Love,
Deacon Vince
"Keep Coming Back"



The Shining sun with Deacon Vince, his daughter Teresa Sabatini, and her friend Mary Jo, who were participants this summer in the 5K race at Mendota's Sweet Corn Festival.

Lead Me Lord!

By: Robin Santman, Lay Director

Lead Me, Lord

As most of you know, for this past year "The Shining Son" has been mentioned time to time in various articles that the TEC movement is 50 years old. The anniversary was celebrated during TEC Congress at The National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, IL this past June. Seven TECites from Peterstown TEC attended. Fr. Matt Fedewa, one of the co-founders of TEC was in attendance too! Dorothy Gereke, the other co-founder, passed away in February of 2014.

We, the Peterstown TEC Community, will be celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the Peterstown TEC Program this next year in 2016! Perhaps next summer would be an appropriate time for a celebration, to allow college-age TECites that may be back in the area to attend. At this time I am asking for volunteers to come together and form a committee to plan this memorable event. If you would like to help and/or be on the committee let me know (laydirector@peterstowntec.com , 815-780-8402), or talk with any other council member.

I also want to remind the TEC Community there is a tab on our website available for you to share TECite wedding pictures or announce an engagement. If you are a TECite, married, and have recently had a baby, let us know the details of the new arrival so we are able to share in your happiness! Email a picture to me at laydirector@peterstowntec.com

LEAD ME LORD CONTINUED=

If you have noticed, there is a new item on the home page of peterstowntec.com. It is a promotional video that was first viewed at TEC Congress this summer. Please click on that promo and watch it. It is a YouTube video that tells why a teen should attend a TEC weekend. It is a very valuable tool that you can pass along to potential candidates as you are passing out a candidate application to them. If they ask you, "why should I attend a TEC weekend anyway?" You are able to pull this video up on your cell phone or any device that has internet access and let them watch this short video. All of us need to do our best to personally invite a friend, co-worker, niece, nephew, grandchild, or student to make a TEC weekend. If you don't have an application, you may access one from the Peterstown website under the application tab. Print it out for them. (2 sides) A couple days later get back to that potential candidate and see if they have it filled out and follow thru. We need candidates if we are having a TEC weekend! Christ is COUNTING on YOU to ask them!

Our first TEC weekend of the 2015-16 season is TEC #195, a Girl's weekend, to be held Sept. 26-28, and the Lay Leader is Megan Santman. The first Boy's weekend is Nov. 7-9 and is still being formed.

For all of our TEC weekends we pray for a large group of candidates to come and share a weekend where they will experience Christ's love for each of them. It is different for each candidate. As a member of the TEC Community, remember to write wheat letters to the team meetings as they prepare for the weekend. Write wheat letters for the Team and Candidates on the weekend, bake cookies, come help in the kitchen (contact Jill Ross 815-866-6889 or rossranch92@gmail.com) attend the HOOT Mass, the HOOT, and Candlelight.

"Change of Heart, Metanoia, Death to New Life" are phrases often heard on TEC weekends. I recently came across a quote that I feel goes along with these terms:

"To convert somebody, go and take them by the hand and guide them."

-St. Thomas Aquinas-

Ask God to help you guide your friends to TEC!

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

In the past, Peterstown TEC has shown a slide show in the lounge during the Hoot for the candidates' parents and anyone else to attend. It shows some of what their children experience on the weekend as well as a question and answer time followed by a mini-tour of the TEC Center. Instead, the Publicity Chairman will have the slideshow set up in the church for viewing just after the Hoot Mass and before moving to the gym. There is usually plenty of time and this will move the evening along so the parents will be able to stay for the Candlelight. A tour of the TEC Center will still be given during the dance time of the Hoot if the parents are interested.

TEC TEAM #195

**Please keep TEC Team #195 in your prayers.
Members of the team include:**

Lay Leader- Megan Santman

Assistant Lay Leaders- Linda Hessenberger and Jamie Cyr;

Spiritual Leader- Fr. Joel Phelps;

Peterstown Spiritual Director- Deacon Vince Slomian;

Assistant Spiritual Leaders -Anita Kobilsek, Kim Santman, and Mary Kunkel;

Other team members- Sr. Anne Germaine Picard, Matalyn Nowakowski, Kassidy Kobilsek, Chloe Judd, Kelsey Alig, Paige Simonton, Doris Castaneda, Renee Vaessen, Lexi Scarpaci, Larisa Moya, Brenda Vaessen, and Michael Vaessen.



Kim Souba has been asked to be the leader of Northwest TEC #308, October 10-11-12. Peterstown TECite, Christine Mattern, will also serve on the team as musician. The theme is "Be the Butterfly God Created You to Be." Meetings started Sunday, Aug. 23 and go every week until the weekend. Please pray for the team and candidates and consider writing a general wheat note for the team meeting or weekend. They can be emailed to Kim at kimberly.souba@gmail.com. Let it Shine!

TEC

NEW BOOKLETS

If you serve on a TEC Team this season, you will notice new yellow TEC booklets that we use on the weekend for team and candidates. It is specifically formatted for Peterstown TEC weekends. Thank you to Deacon Vince, Kim Santman, and all of the Assistant Spiritual Directors for their helpful modifications. The biggest thank you goes to Peterstown TECite Ellen (Rose) Albertson for production/printing of the booklets. Ellen is the owner of a Milwaukee based business called Paper-Pleasers, LLC. Thank you, Ellen, for all of your help!

WELCOME!

Peterstown TEC would like to welcome Michael McLachlan to the position of Co-Candlelight Chairman to serve with Renee Vaessen for her second year of a two year term. Thank you to Angel Diaz for your extra "wheat" this past year as the other Co-Chair of Candlelight.

Another addition to Peterstown TEC Council is Sophia Suarez. She will be helping Sue Garland and Kathy Hoscheid with the TEC Store.

Susie Fritz, who has been taking pictures for Peterstown TEC several years as well as helping in the TEC kitchen, is unable to continue due to new work commitments. TECite Matt Santman has agreed to be the photographer this season.

Core Team Members

Last TEC season we had 5 TECites start training to become Assistant Spiritual Directors (ASDs) on TEC weekends. This TEC season each of them will be an extra ASD on each weekend along with the other 2 ASD's assigned to a TEC Team. They are members of a Core Team that guide the Council Chairmen with various responsibilities that need to be done in preparation for a TEC weekend, during, and after TEC weekends. They guide speakers when preparing talks, set up for para liturgies on weekends, and are of great help to Deacon Vince. They have all been past Lay Leaders.

The new Assistant Spiritual Directors include:

Colleen Harmon, Steve Harmon, Mary Kunkel, Steve Kunkel, and Carol McLachlan.

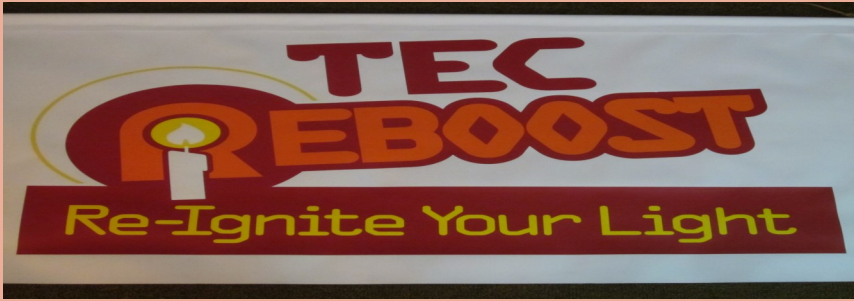
Other Assistant Spiritual Directors include Brenda Barnickel, Phil Grant, Kathy Hoscheid, Jim Hoscheid, Anita Kobilsek, Joanne Oberheide, Dan O'Connor, Jyll Pozzi, Gary Rose, Rose Rose, Kim Santman, and Betty Wenzel.

Deacon Vince Slomian, Robin Santman and Aubrie Wall are also a part of the Core Team.

Jeanne Fitzpatrick and Laura Knapp have taken over the Team Selection Chairman for Aubrie so they will be a part of the Core Team also.



Thank you for doing the extra "wheat" to help the Peterstown TEC Program.



Lights Re-ignited at TEC Reboost

On an absolute gorgeous Sunday afternoon in August, TECites gathered at Zearing Park in Princeton. Sr Anne Germaine Picard joined Brenda Barnickel, TEC Reboost Chairman, in hosting an opportunity to play, pray, and share. An opening mixer started us off, followed by the making of smores over the grill. The "Sunshine Gang" beat out the "4 Angels & a Misfit" in the Team Challenge, but prizes were won by all participants. More snacks and fellowship were enjoyed, along with the handing out of door prizes. No one went away empty handed. We closed the gathering with encouraging prayers for the TEC 195 Team, who started their meetings the following Wednesday. Best of all, lights were re-ignited as we kicked off the start of another TEC season!

I want to thank Sr Anne Germaine for volunteering to share her awesome, generous light!

Keep your eyes and ears open for TEC Reboost gatherings outside of the regularly scheduled TEC weekends to keep your light bright!



TEC Store

STOP AND CHECK OUT WHAT'S NEW

Make Sure To
Check Out New
TEC Items In
The Store.



Screen Printed
Items.



New Sweatshirt
Colors & Patterns



Metallic &
Animal Prints!

Yoga and
Pajama Pants



NEW!
GLITTER
PRINTS!!!



Great lower
pricing.

New Iron On
Fabric Pockets
ON LADY
V-NECK TEES



Clip and Save



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.

**September 16th-
TEC Council Meeting 6:00 and
Safe Environment Session at 6:30**

**September 19th-
Annual Peterstown TEC Center Cleaning
8:00 a.m -4:00 p.m.**

**September 26-28-
Girls TEC #195**

**October 4th-
Follow-up 5:30 p.m.**

**October 7th-
First Boys TEC #196 Team Meeting 6:30 p.m.**

**October 10th-
Newsletter Deadline to include articles from
TEC Community**

**October 28th-
TEC Council Meeting at 6:00 and
Safe Environment Session at 6:30**

**November 4th-
First Girls TEC #197 Team Meeting 6:30 p.m.**

**November 7-9th-
Boys TEC #196**

**November 15th-
Follow-up 5:30 p.m.**

**December 5-7th-
Girls TEC #197**



PETERSTOWN HILTON ANNUAL CLEANING DAY

Saturday Sept.19th, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Just as you do some fall cleaning at home this time of year, it is wonderful to do a little extra cleaning for the upcoming TEC season and first weekend. Please plan to come and help us! Do some extra "wheat" for TEC #195! We will have coffee, juice, and doughnuts for early workers and pizza over the lunch hour. Come for a couple hours or stay all day- whatever time you can spare. Call a fellow TECite and carpool!



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.

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KEEP PRAYING: CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU

Pray for the team of TEC#195 as they prepare for the girls TEC weekend to be held September 26-28

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



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