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Showing True Discipleship

By: Deacon Vince Slomian

WOW! And, I will say it again . . . WOW!

The summer is almost over. And be assured that I have had a very enjoyable one, with some work and plenty of fun time. I hope you have had your fun time too.

First, I would like to say thanks for all your prayers for Ruth's healing. She is progressing slowly, but surely. Keep those prayers coming.

This summer, I had the honor of being able to attend and participate

in the ordination of Deacon Dennis Gillan as a permanent deacon, and then the following week of the ordination to the transitional deacon, Jacob Rose.

In both cases, I was able to vest them with their stoles; a very awesome privilege.

Father Michael Dominic O'Connor, O.P., a TECite, was also ordained to the priesthood and Jose Lopez was ordained a permanent deacon from Holy Cross parish.

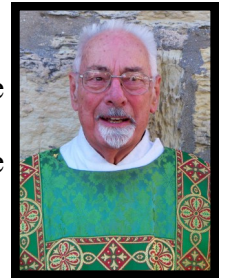
This summer Holy

Cross had the privilege to have Deacon Tom Otto

work with us in the parish a couple months.

To top it all off, I saw the Holy Spirit work, as I was honored and privileged to baptize one of our own TECites, Saturday, August 4.

Anna Weberski received instructions this



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History of Assumption of BVM

The Assumption is the oldest feast day of Our Lady, but we don't know how it first came to be celebrated.

Its origin is lost in those days when Jerusalem was restored as a sacred city, at the time of the Roman Emperor Constantine (c. 285-337).

By then it had been a

pagan city for two centuries, ever since Emperor Hadrian (76-138) had leveled it around the year 135 and rebuilt it as "Aelia Capitolina" in honor of Jupiter.

For 200 years, every memory of Jesus was obliterated from the city, and the sites made holy by His life, death and

resurrection became pagan temples.

After the building of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in 336, the sacred sites began to be restored and memories of the life of Our Lord began to be celebrated by the people of Jerusalem.

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Faith Sharing With Friends

By: Karen Mecagni, Lay Director

Dear TEC Family,
Another TEC season is about to get underway. I hope and pray that you have all had a wonderful summer filled with fun and relaxation even in the heat.

The first team meeting for the 2012-2013 TEC season will begin with its first team meeting on Aug. 22.

Carol McLachlan is the leader for TEC 180. Please keep her and the team in your prayers as they build community in preparation to bring new candidates to an encounter with Christ.

Now is the perfect time for all of us to gather candidates, not only for the weekend, which is Sept. 22-24, but for all the TECs throughout the year.

Remember, Christ is counting on us to go out and be disciples and bring others to Him. Hand out some applications.

If you don't have any with you, go to our website at www.peters-towntec.com/applications.html and

download some to pass out.

Encourage your friends and family, teens and adults, to take a leap of faith and make a TEC. Best of all, let the light of Christ shine so bright in you that others will want to follow in your footsteps.

We also need you to sign up for teams and to do wheat by working in the kitchen, baking cookies, and writing wheat notes.

If you want to volunteer for the kitchen, please contact Rose Rose at kitchen@peterstowntec.com or by calling her at 815-638-2165.

Team applications can also be downloaded on the website under the

application tab. Send all wheat notes to laydirector@peterstowntec.com with the subject line being "Wheat Note."

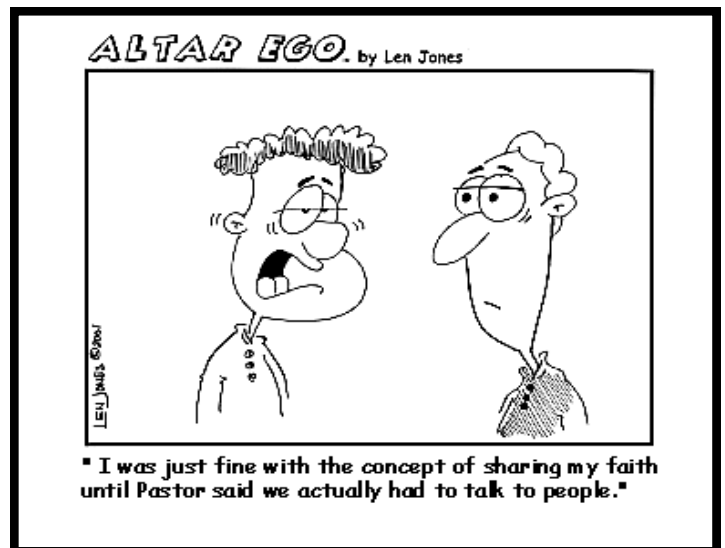
I'd like to share a little prayer with you by Terry Modica that makes me think of TEC.

"Lord Jesus, make my feet Your feet when You want to go where You're needed.

"Make my arms Your arms when You want to reach out to a hurting person.

"Make my mouth Your mouth when You want to speak the truth.

"Make my heart love as Your heart when You want to evangelize others through me. Amen!"



TECite Saves a Life

In Matthew's Gospel (25:40) Jesus says, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

TECite, Adam Eich, has taken that to heart.

In 2009, TECite Adam registered to become a blood marrow donor with nothing more in mind other than to help someone someday.

Three years later, in early August, Adam was given that opportunity when he became a perfect match for someone he had never met before.

Adam, who is married to TECite, Anna (Vandre), did not hesitate to answer God's call to help someone in need.

According to Adam's mother-in-law, Carol,

Adam was given a shot to help produce more marrow.

"He had so much marrow that the doctors were able to extract enough to freeze in case it is needed again," said Carol.

Thank you Adam for being an example of following Jesus' footsteps of helping those in need.



Adam with his wife, Anna, and two daughters..

Feed TEC

Do you enjoy the food at TEC? How about those snacks during your breaks?

You've heard of "Feeding America," the nation's leading domestic hunger-relief charity?

The program's mission, according to its website, "is to feed America's hungry through a nationwide network of member food banks and engage our country in the fight to end hunger."

The Peterstown TEC Program isn't as "hungry" as many people throughout the country but with rising gas prices and the severe drought we've experienced this summer, food prices are expected to rise as well.

Please consider feeding our TECites with extra donations. Perhaps a form of wheat you could do is save your spare change and donate it to the TEC Kitchen.

If you have any questions, please contact Rose Rose at 815-638-2165 or at kitchen@peterstowntec.com.

Thank you for your generosity! God bless you!

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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:

- + **Aug. 22:** First Team Meeting TEC 180 (Girls)
- + **Sept. 11:** Core Team Meeting 6:30p.m.
- + **Sept. 9:** Mass for Venerable Fulton Sheen, St. Mary's Cathedral 10:30a.m.
- + **Sept. 12:** Council Meeting 6p.m.

- + **Sept. 22-24:** TEC 180 (Girls)
 - + **Sept. 23:** Hoot Mass 5:30p.m.
 - + **Sept. 30:** Follow-up 5:30p.m.
 - + **Oct. 3:** First Team Meeting TEC 181 (Boys)
- Pray! Pray! Pray!**

TECite Baptized

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summer and was baptized at Holy Trinity Church in Cherry.

What a great day that was! Congratulations Anna, your sponsors and parents, and to all your friends.

The reason why I am telling you is because you TECites are the ones that get the credit of following Jesus' mission.

You have set the example for Anna to follow. You became evangelizers, as Jesus sent you out on a mission the Monday of your TEC weekend.

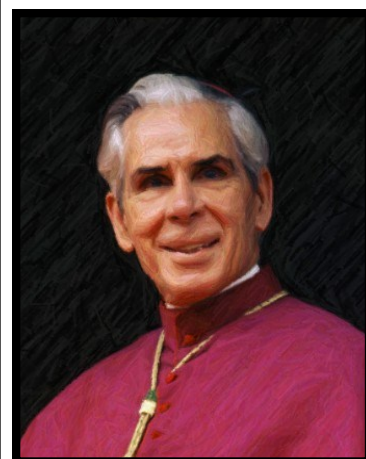
You were all commissioned as the apostles were commissioned on Pentecost to "go out and evangelize."

Now, it's time for you to continue your mission and bring more of your peers to the TEC Program, signing them up to attend a TEC weekend.

They need a personal invitation and you are the one to invite them.

TEC 180 is almost upon us, so now is the time.

God loves you and so do I!



Celebrate

Fulton Sheen

Sept. 9

On Sunday, Sept. 9 at 10a.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral, Bishop Daniel Jenky will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving to honor Venerable Fulton Sheen, the same cathedral in which Venerable Fulton grew up, received his vocation to the priesthood and was ordained.

All are invited to this historic celebration.

Visit CelebrateSheen.com for information about special seating and other celebrations for the "Friends of Fulton Sheen."



Aug. 15 is Holy Day of Obligation

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One of the memories about His mother centered around the “Tomb of Mary,” close to Mount Zion, where the early Christian community had lived.

On the hill itself was the “Place of Dormition,” the spot of Mary’s “falling asleep,” where she had died. The “Tomb of Mary” was where she was buried.

At this time, the “Memory of Mary” was being celebrated. Later it was to become our feast of the Assumption.

For a time, the “Memory of Mary” was marked only in Palestine, but then it was extended by the emperor to all the churches of the East.

Soon the name was changed to the “Assumption of Mary,” since there was more to the feast than her dying.

It also proclaimed that she had been taken up, body and soul, into heaven.

That belief was ancient, dating back to the apostles themselves.

What was clear from the beginning was that there were no relics of Mary to be venerated, and that an empty tomb

stood on the edge of Jerusalem near the site of her death.

That location also soon became a place of pilgrimage. (Today, the Benedictine Abbey of the Dormition of Mary stands on the spot.)

At the Council of Chalcedon in 451, when

bishops from throughout the Mediterranean world gathered in Constantinople, Emperor Marcian asked the Patriarch of Jerusalem to bring the relics of Mary to Constantinople to be enshrined in the capitol.

The patriarch explained to the emperor that there were no relics of Mary in Jerusalem, and that “Mary had died in the presence of the apostles; but her tomb, when opened later . . . was found empty and so the apostles concluded that the body was taken up into heaven.”

In the eighth century, St. John Damascene was known for giving sermons at the holy places in Jerusalem.

At the Tomb of Mary, he expressed the belief

of the Church on the meaning of the feast: “Although the body was duly buried, it did not remain in the state of death, neither was it dissolved by decay. . . . You were transferred to your heavenly home, O Lady, Queen and Mother of God in truth.”



All the feast days of Mary mark the great mysteries of her life and her part in the work of redemption.

The central mystery

of her life and person is her divine motherhood, celebrated both at Christmas and a week later (Jan. 1) on the feast of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

The Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8) marks the preparation for that motherhood, so that she had the fullness of grace from the first moment of her existence, completely untouched by sin.

Her whole being throbbed with divine life

from the very beginning, readying her for the exalted role of mother of the Savior.

The Assumption completes God’s work in her since it was not fitting that the flesh that had given life to God himself should ever undergo corruption.

The Assumption is God’s crowning of His work as Mary ends her earthly life and enters eternity. The feast turns our eyes in that direction, where we will follow when our earthly life is over.

They look to the present and to the future and give us an insight into our own relationship with God.

The Assumption looks to eternity and gives us hope that we, too, will follow Our Lady when our life is ended.

In 1950, in the Apostolic Constitution “Munificentissimus Deus,” Pope Pius XII proclaimed the Assumption of Mary a dogma of the Catholic Church.

This year, August 15, is a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics. *Article is printed with permission from Our Sunday Visitor.*

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Keep Praying: Christ is Counting On You

Please pray for the Team of TEC 180 as they begin their team preparation on Aug. 22 under the direction of Carol McLachlan.

Continue to keep in your prayers: Ruth Slomian, wife of Deacon Vince; the people of the Aurora, Colo. and Wisconsin shootings; students and teachers who are returning to school that they will

continue to let their lights shine for Christ; and all TECites and their families who are suffering from illness, loss of jobs, and other stressors of life.

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 <https://www.peterstowntec.com>.

