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# The Shining Son

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## “The Armed Crosses”

By: Deacon Vince Slomian

Dear TECites, families and friends,

Next month starts a new TEC season for Peterstown.

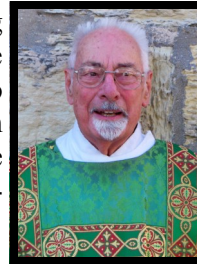
It will be the 34<sup>th</sup> season that Peterstown has hosted the teen weekends.

It has been a wonderful 34 years of inspirational growth for many, many teens and adults alike.

The Core Team of Peterstown TEC has been meeting once a month to continue to grow in their knowledge of the TEC Program.

At the last meeting, a member brought this article which we thought was very

interesting and we wanted to share with the whole TEC family.



### “The Armed Crosses”

“The *sign of the cross* is the most terrible weapon against the Devil.

“Thus the Church wishes not only that we should have it continually in front of our minds to recall to us just what our souls are worth and what they cost Jesus Christ, but also that we should make it at every juncture ourselves: when

we go to bed, when we awaken during the night, when we get up, when we begin any action, and, above all, when we are tempted.

“We can say that a Christian who makes the Sign of the Cross with genuine religious sentiments, that is to say, when fully aware of the action which he/she is performing, makes all **Hell** tremble.

“But when we make the Sign of the Cross, we must make it not by habit, but with respect, with attention

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## More Features of Shining Son

In the July 2010 issue of the Shining Son, the TEC Community was introduced to some of the many changes taking place with the program’s website and newsletter.

What did you like or dislike? What would you like to see? These were a few questions asked and without disappointment, we were listening. Thank

you to those who responded so generously. Hopefully we will be able to incorporate some of those ideas.

This month, you will see some new articles and features such as profiling your TEC Council Members. Did you ever wonder who were those people that made sure the TEC program runs so smoothly and

who continue to give of their time, talent, and treasure because Christ is counting on them to help build the Kingdom of God.?

This month, we will feature Kim Souba, who has been involved with the Peterstown TEC Community since her first TEC weekend in December 1994.

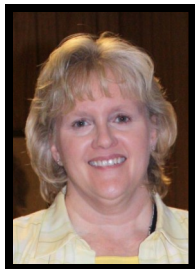
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*"I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord; plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

*Jeremiah 28:11*

## Pass It On . . . A Note From Brenda

By: Brenda Barnickel, Lay Director



I hope you are even more excited about the start of a new TEC season

after checking out the new website and newsletter.

The progress in these projects has been moving along, but we have a major goal yet to accomplish.

We currently send out almost 500 newsletters using what is referred to as "snail mail" in the technology world.

Within the next few months we will be reducing the size of this mailing drastically.

If you have a valid email address on file, we would like to remove you from the mailing list and ask that you check out the newsletter online through the website.

However, if you feel strongly about continuing to receive a paper copy, please request this by emailing our Newsletter Chairman, Kim Souba, at [newsletter@peterstown.com](mailto:newsletter@peterstown.com).

Starting with TEC 170, only those team members and candidates that do not have a valid email address will be added to our mailing list for the newsletter.

I will share this information during closing comments on Monday of the TEC weekends.

We have introduced our [peterstowntec.com](http://peterstowntec.com) email system to our Council Chairs

Please use the email links on our new website to communicate your questions and requests. Please be patient as everyone gets accustomed to using it.

One of the best things about this new email system is that it will allow communication to remain

constant when different TECites take over chairman positions. You will always know how to contact us!

However, we can't communicate with you properly unless you keep us updated with your current information, whether it is your email address, mailing address, phone number, and/or cell phone number.

We will always have a gentle reminder in the newsletter to remind you to keep TEC on your list to notify.

You can contact me at [laydirector@peterstowntec.com](mailto:laydirector@peterstowntec.com), but I would like to take this time to share that my personal email address has changed from Verizon to Frontier.

Please feel free to contact me at [ewblb82@frontier.com](mailto:ewblb82@frontier.com).

Pass on the excitement about our new TECnology!!

## Take Time to Breathe

*" . . . He breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'" John 20:22*

TECite Danielle Wall, of Granville, has first-

hand knowledge of what it means when Jesus says in Matthew's Gospel, "Go therefore and make disciples of all na-

tions" (Matthew 28:19).

She spent several years serving on the Australia team with NET (National

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# Souba to serve TEC, Church

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Peace of Christ be with you! My name is Kim Souba. I am pleased to introduce myself to the Peterstown TEC Community.

In December 1994, I was a candidate on TEC 92 under the leadership of Linda Dinges, formerly of Mendota.

I grew up in LaMoille with my brother, sister, and grandparents. Both my brother, David, and sister Katie (Shevokas) are TECites as well.

After much resistance, I made a TEC weekend under the guidance and encouragement of Rose and Gary Rose and have never regretted it!

However, I stay involved with the program because it, and those involved, have helped me to grow in my faith and understand the importance of not only positive relationships with others but



Kim with her nieces

most importantly with Christ.

TEC has allowed me to endure the many ups and downs of life and create a new 4th day each time I get out of bed.

Recently, I moved to Urbana, IL for a new teaching position. This could be a scary time in my life but because I know that I have a TEC family who are supporting me and a personal relationship with Christ, I find this to be an exciting time.

I also have found myself reaching out, and Going 4th with the Spirit, to become involved in the local parish as a lector and Eucharistic minister.

Since that first weekend in 1994, I have served on numerous teams and wheat teams with the Peterstown, Peoria, and Bloomington/Normal Communities.

In addition to serving on teams, I served on the Peterstown TEC board when I was in high school and national TEC Conference.

This is my second stint on the TEC Council, serving now as chairman for the newsletter and website, both of which I thoroughly enjoy.

The best way that I can sum up my service to the Peterstown TEC Community is through a quote by Mohandas Gandhi when he says, "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."

Christ has no body but yours,  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
Yours are the eyes with which he looks  
Compassion on this world,  
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,  
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.  
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,  
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.

- St. Teresa of Avila -

## 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.

The following are the important dates:

+ **Sept. 8:** Council Meeting

at 6p.m.

+ **Sept. 14:** Spiritual Core Meeting 6:30p.m.

+ **Sept. 18-20:** TEC 170 (Girls)

Hoot Mass Sept. 19 at 5:30p.m.

+ **Sept. 26:** Follow-up at

5:30p.m.

+ **Oct. 6:** First team meeting for TEC 171 (Boys)

+ **Nov. 6-8:** TEC 171 (Boys)

**PRAY! PRAY! PRAY!**



## TECite starts Praise & Worship Night

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Evangelization Teams) Ministries, spreading the Good News of Christ. Danielle may not be in Australia anymore, but her ministry has not changed.

Recently, Danielle started a new praise and worship group, which meets the last Thursday evening of each month at Sacred Heart Church in Granville.

Upon returning back to the Illinois Valley-area, Danielle realized her involvement in TEC and Cursillo was not enough.

“There needs to be something for all the other times of year,” she writes.

A year ago, Danielle had the opportunity to return to Australia for a conference sponsored by

*Breathe*

Emmanuel Covenant Community, a Catholic Charismatic Community, who works closely with NET.

“It was during that time that I really felt called to start ‘Breathe.’ The purpose is to draw us closer to God in a differ-

ent way.”

Each month is designed around a specific theme, which includes singing of praise and worship music, a talk, an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and on different occasions, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Breathe begins at 7p.m. and usually lasts between one to one and half hours. It is also open to people of all ages and of all faith traditions.

For more information or to volunteer to help lead music or give a talk, contact Danielle at 815-993-0339.



## Time to Invite Candidates

The Peterstown TEC Hilton will kick-off the new TEC season with TEC 170 under the leadership of Kim Schimmer.

TEC is sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Peoria but is open to young adults ages 16-23 and of all faith traditions.

TEC 170 will be held Sept. 18-20 and costs \$50 per candidate, which is an increase from the previous \$40 and includes a \$10 pre-registration deposit.

If you haven't done so

already, please invite a family member, friend, classmate, or neighbor to consider making this weekend or the boys' weekend, which will be held in November. Remember our goal is to see Deacon Vince with pink hair. In order for this to happen, we need 27 candidates.

Applications can be found on the website at [www.peterstowntec.com](http://www.peterstowntec.com) or at the TEC Center.

The deadline to submit applications, by snail

mail or fax, is Sept. 1. This allows the needed paperwork for candidates to be completed.

For additional information, contact Carol McLachlan, executive secretary, at [executive\\_secretary@peterstowntec.com](mailto:executive_secretary@peterstowntec.com) or Brenda Barnickel at [laydirector@peterstowntec.com](mailto:laydirector@peterstowntec.com).

Remember Christ is Counting on You to do WHEAT and spread the Good News and build the TEC Program.



# Make Sign of Cross Daily Habit

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and thinking of what we are doing.

“Ah, dear Lord, with what

devout  
awe we  
should  
be  
filled  
when  
we



make the Sign of the Cross upon ourselves and recall that we are pronouncing all that we hold holy and most sacred in our religion!”

It is time now to sign up a candidate for TEC 170, Sept. 18-20.

Also it is time to pray for Kim Schimmer and the team of TEC 170 as they prepare for the weekend as well as the Leader of TEC 171.

# 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 taking steps to send the majority of our publications electronically by December 2010.

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.

Saving money on newsletters will allow the TEC Community to purchase necessary supplies for the weekends.

Happy Birthday  
Mary,  
Mother of God!  
Sept. 8th

Share the LOVE  
Invite someone to TEC!

# Feast of St. Vincent de Paul: Sept. 27

Vincent de Paul was born at Pouy in Gascony, in the south of France, around the 1580s, the third child in a family of four sons and two daughters.

His family was a solid peasant family capable of making ends meet only through hard work and fru-

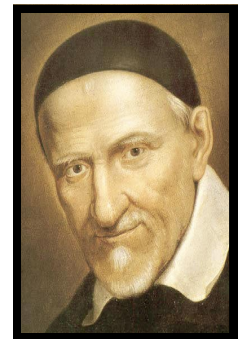
gality.

His father encouraged and helped him toward the priesthood, to which he was ordained on September 23, 1600, at the age of 19 or 20.

Among his chief reasons for becoming a priest was his desire to get an office in the Church from which he could

obtain enough money to retire early, return home, and provide for his family.

In 1608, Vincent moved to Paris, where he came under the influence of Father (later Cardinal) Pierre de Bérulle, whom he took as his spiritual



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## St. Vincent de Paul Experiences Conversion

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director, and Father André Duval, a professor of the Sorbonne, who was to be his “wise man” for the next three decades.

This marked a turning point in Vincent’s spiritual journey: ambition was receding, and attention to God and vocation were advancing.

As pastor of Saint-Medard in Clichy, a poor rural parish just northwest of Paris, he experienced the priesthood in a

way unknown to him to that point, and told the bishop he was happier than the bishop himself, and even the pope.

Now, very conscious that the poor were not being evangelized or helped, Vincent felt called to a more pastoral ministry.

In August 1617, as he was preparing for Sunday Mass, a parishioner brought news of the illness and destitution of an entire family in the parish.

He preached on their

need, and that afternoon the people responded in overwhelming numbers by carrying them food and supplies.

During this period Vincent experienced a two-fold conversion.

First, he was being converted to the poor, who were becoming the center of his life.

Second, he was also being converted to his priesthood, seeing it not as a career, but as a personal relationship with Jesus.

However, his “con-

version” does not seem to rest on one dramatic moment, but rather on a gradual opening to the power of God’s grace working in him, and allowing him to see his world more clearly in the light of Christ.

St. Vincent de Paul died on Sept. 27, 1600.

The feast day of St. Vincent de Paul is celebrated each year on Sept. 27.

