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JUNE 2011

Be Easter People Forever

By: Deacon Vince Slomian

Dear TECites and families,

I hope you had a wonderful Easter and will continue to have a wonderful and spiritual Easter season. The Easter season continues for seven Sundays, until Pentecost on June 12.



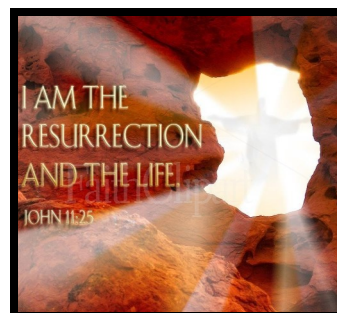
Jesus died for our sins on Good Friday and rose from the dead on Easter Sunday so that we might live. We are people of the resurrection. We are to live

as Easter people, not only through the Easter season, but throughout the whole year. That means we are to continue to let our light shine.

Even though there will be no Hoot Masses and celebrations, we are to continue to celebrate every Sunday and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the summer.

We must continue to pray and persevere during those times we are tempted and challenged. Give a call to another TECite. Remember, "Where two or three are gathered, there I am in their midst."

May the Risen Lord abundantly shower His blessings on you. May He bless you with peace, joy, and health of mind and body. May the glory of His resurrection illuminate your faces and your lives. May you be richly blessed this Eastertide and forevermore. Amen.



New Orleans: 2011 TEC Congress

Each year TECites from around the world gather for fellowship and to renew their spirits.

This year, the annual TEC Congress will be held at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans July 15-17.

Registration and deposit

are due on July 1. Cost is \$160 for double occupancy and \$180 for single occupancy.

A \$50 nonrefundable deposit is due with registration.

Program, meals, and lodging are included in the

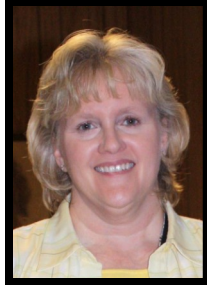
registration price

A letter or email confirming receipt of registration will be sent within two weeks of receipt of your registration form and deposit.

For more information, contact Brenda Barnickel.

Pass It On . . . A Note From Brenda

By: Brenda Barnickel, Lay Director



As I peruse through the newspaper articles that I have accumulated for our TECites in the News bulletin board, I can't help but smile at the wide variety of pictures showcasing a lot of great school and community involvement.

Let me give you an idea. There are cancer-fighting fundraisers, employer/business anniversaries and milestones, employers recognizing graduates, student government announcements, sports recognitions, graduation band and choral concert awards, musical productions, gardening tips, a song contest

for World Youth Day, prom royalty, academic accomplishments, college scholarship presentations and school graduations. See what I mean!!

In addition to all of that, those TECites also played a part in another successful TEC Season.

I want to thank everyone for all of their WHEAT in helping 83 candidates to have an encounter with Christ!

Anyone who really knows me, knows that I love a successful hunt for just the right card with the perfect words to offer thanks, prayers, congratulations etc.

I don't even look at the cost on the back of the card. To me, the perfect find is priceless!

At this time I want to share some words to one of those perfect finds

with all of our TECite seminary, high school and college graduates.

If I could give you anything as you graduate, I would give you a candle that burns as brightly as the light within you.

The light you are, I would tell you to keep it burning no matter what. I would say, "Don't let the well intentioned extinguish it."

Don't let the mean spirited blow it out. Don't let your light flicker and fade because of everyday challenges and concerns.

The world is large and no one can illuminate it alone, but it is amazing how a single candle burning brightly can light so many others."

Congratulations!

Group Creates Song for WYD

First things first. "Votar" is Spanish for "Vote," and a group of World Youth Day pilgrims-to-be from the Pope John Paul II Catholic Newman Center in Normal hopes to win a global song contest. May

31 was the final day for voting in the contest.

"Planted," a song written and recorded by the group in April, is among 139 songs in the global competition. The 25 top vote-getting compositions, as of May 31, will

be reviewed by a panel, with the five judged best to be performed at World Youth Day this August in Madrid, Spain.

As of 10 a.m. on May 31, "Planted" had

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TEC Turns 35

Thirty-five years ago, a few laborers took to heart the mission: "Christ is Counting On You!" and tours of the building, which include renovations. TEC applications will also be available.

Those who had experienced a TEC weekend in Peoria and elsewhere were given the vision and mission to spread God's



This will replace the monthly TEC Reboost.

For more information, please contact Brenda Barnickel at laydirector@peterstowntec.com.

unconditional love through many acts of wheat.

The Peterstown TEC Community will host an open house celebrating its 35th Anniversary on Sunday, August 21.

The gathering will take place from 1 to 5p.m. and is open to the public as well as all past, present, and future TECites.

There will be outdoor and indoor activities for all, food,

TECites are invited to come together for the Mendota Sweet Corn Festival Parade to promote the Program's anniversary on Sunday, Aug. 14 at 1p.m.

Volunteers are needed to ride/walk and pass out flyers during the parade.

Contact committee chairman Dennis Gillan at (815) 894-2636 or awss@prairieinet.net.

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 sending the majority of our publications electronically.

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 or to Kim Souba, Newsletter and Website Chairman at newsletter@peterstowntec.com.

Saving money on newsletters will allow the TEC Community to use the funds for the "Good of the Program."

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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:

+ **July 10:** TEC Reboost 6-

8p.m.

+ **Aug. 3:** Council Meeting 6p.m.

+ **Aug. 9:** Spiritual Core Team Meeting 6:30p.m.

+ **Aug. 14:** Sweet Corn Parade (TEC float)

+ **Aug. 21:** 35th Anniversary Open House

+ **Aug. 24:** Team meeting TEC 175 (Girls)

+ **Sept. 24-26:** TEC 175 (Girls)

Hoot Mass Sept. 25 at 5:30p.m.

+ **Nov. 5-7:** TEC 176 (Boys)

PRAY! PRAY! PRAY!

Song Moves Up to 30th Place

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climbed to 30th place -- up 10 spots over Memorial Day weekend. It is now within 1,000 votes from the current 25th place song from Peru, South America.

"Our goal is to play for the pope," said Sister Sara Marie Kowal, STCJM, assistant director at the Newman Center

and the keyboard player on "Planted."

For that to happen, the 20-member group, calling themselves "Witnesses to Love" and including members from both Illinois State and Illinois Wesleyan universities, needs a lot of help, and quickly.

A direct link to the song on the contest site, offered easy ways to

share the song via Facebook or Twitter, "Planted."

"We really need a miracle in order to get the votes," said Sister Sara Marie. The group has consecrated the song to Mary and Sister Sara Marie said "if we are able to break into the top 25, it will be only through her intercession

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Discernment Retreat Offered

The St. Therese Discernment Retreat is meant to help young women in the Diocese of Peoria to discern their vocation.

If you are a young woman entering your sophomore year in high school or older and your are serious about trying to find out what God wants you to do with your life, attend a retreat June 17 - 18.

The retreat will be held at Nazareth House Retreat Center, formerly known as King's House. It will begin at 5p.m.

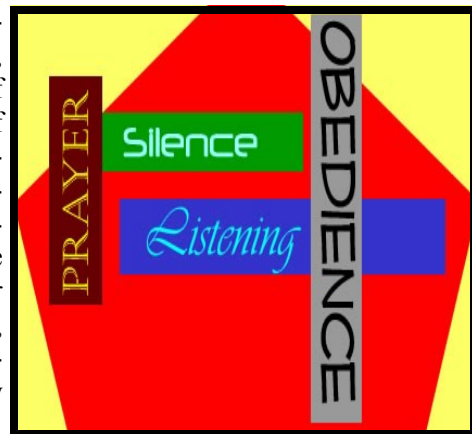
June 17 and end at 3p.m. June 18.

Registration is \$50 but scholarships will be available for those in need.

The Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary, The Sisters of St. Francis of the Immaculate Conception, The Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis, and The Sisters of Mary

of the Presentation will all be represented at the retreat.

For more information, go to www.stthereseretreat.wordpress.com.



TECites Involved in Song Creation

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But regardless if the song is recognized, the local group of World Youth Day pilgrims has already won -- graces, experience, and friendships -- in producing a beautiful original recording based on the theme of World Youth Day: “Planted and Built Up in Jesus Christ, Firm in the Faith.”

“I love how everything came together and fit perfectly together,” said Liz Kunkel, a Peterstown TECite and a senior political science major from Lostant, who helped spearhead the group effort after the music contest was discovered.

The prospective pilgrims - including Father Adam Stimpson, parochial vicar of three parishes in LaSalle, another Peterstown TECite, and guitarist for the group -- met six different times to compose the song. The first meeting was all prayer, a holy hour of adoration.

“We wanted to be instruments of the Lord and allow him to speak through us,” said Sister Sara Marie, who called the song’s composition and recording “a group effort in every regard.”

“I really thought there would be more challenges, but the Lord made it happen,” added Kunkel.

“Planted” was recorded on April 20 in the choir loft of the Newman Center’s new chapel.

Its lyrics tell of a faith journey and rebirth as the Holy Spirit “rains.” The song includes a chorus of a doxology -- “Through Him, with Him, in Him” -- in both English and Spanish.

“Anyone could sing that chorus in their own language,” said Sister Sara Marie, noting that hundreds of thousands are coming to World Youth Day from around the globe.

World Youth Day was instituted by Pope John Paul II in 1985, with the first one held in 1986 in Rome. The international gatherings are generally held every two or three years. The itinerary includes Mass, catecheses, music festivals and an audience with Pope Benedict XVI.

The Newman Center pilgrims have been fundraising for their Aug. 9 to 26 trip for months. They will spend five days in Lourdes, France, prior to World Youth Day and end their trip by visiting Barcelona, Toulouse and Paris.

Kristi Bergman opens “Planted” with a brief vocal solo accompanied only by Daniel Burr on the piano. The song builds in both intensity and joy as other vocalists

and instruments are added.

Also lending their voices to “Planted” are Father Stimpson, Sister Sara Marie, Kunkel, Laura Knipp, David Reisinger, Ali Lundstrum, Chelsea Koechle, Noelle Curry, Kayla Bess, Dana Garber, Maddie Mangieri, Hannah Adams, Katie Witty and Molly McClowry.

Other instrumentalists included Sister Sara Marie on keyboard; Father Stimpson, Kunkel and Sister Silvia Maria Tarafa, STCJm, director of the Newman Center, on guitar; Elizabeth Alberts on trumpet; and Drew Isbell, percussion. “Planted” ends reflectively with an instrumental solo by Katrina Best on viola.

Joseph Holland, who is studying music and production, provided engineering and recording assistance.

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