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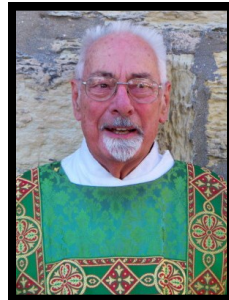
The Shining Son

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Lent . . . A Time to Prepare

Deacon Vince Slomian

Dear TEC family, The weekend for the boys TEC 173 was a fantastic weekend and experience.



There were a good number of boys attending, and I am sure they all became closer to our Lord and Savior, Jesus.

Now TEC 174 is in the process of preparing for their weekend April 2-4.

It is almost unbelievable that we have a waiting list of girls wanting to attend the weekend.

It will be a very special weekend as we will be in the season of Lent.

The word "Lent" comes from an old English word, which means "springtime."

It reminds us of spring cleaning and the new life in nature during spring.

This season of Lent is

a time of special grace for us in which we want to do some spring cleaning in our lives and enjoy new life as a result.

We want to acknowledge that we are sinners. We want to clean up our lives during Lent.

We want to leave sin behind and grow closer to the Lord.

We want a change of heart this Lent.

Sometimes people ask: "What are you doing for Lent?"

There's one thing to give up during Lent - SIN.

Lent is a preparation for renewing our baptismal promises during the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday

night.

The season of Lent is to give us time once again to die to our old sinful ways and rise out of the tomb with Jesus to a new way of life through the Paschal Mystery.

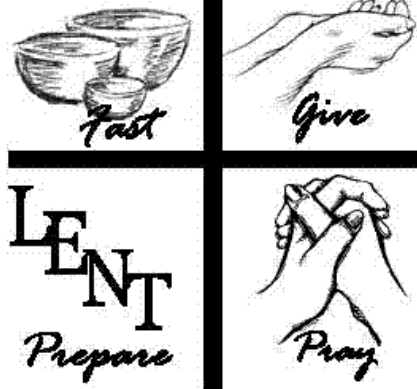
At the Easter Vigil on

Holy Saturday night, we renew our baptismal vows and will also have renewed our lives.

I hope Lent is a

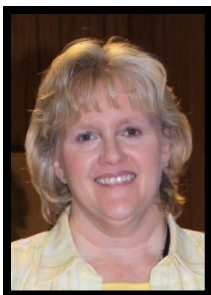
time for you to grow closer to the Lord by spending more time in prayer.

During this holy season, may the grace God give you the desire not be in vain.



TEC Facelift Complete

There was a “whole lot of WHEAT going on” in the month of February at the TEC Center!



Our sprucing up of the

Hilton project in the lounge and bedroom has been completed.

A HUGE thank you goes out to Lori McConville, project chairman, for initiating this gift of WHEAT.

Many volunteers gave time, talent, and treasure

towards the face lift.

It was a combined effort of TEC, Cursillo, and friends of the communities.

We were blessed with donations of newer “used” furniture to replace some of our worn pieces.

Handmade valances now replace the drapes and valances in both rooms.

The paint and carpet are a blend of earth tones and are of the best quality to last for years to come!

We were also very generously blessed with monetary donations from

both TEC and Cursillo. We intend to do a few more smaller projects throughout the Hilton in the months ahead.

The Peterstown TEC will be celebrating its 35th TEC season during the 2011-2012 school year.

A special celebration day will be announced in the near future.

Please “come back” and visit the Hilton to see how it is SHINING!

Thank you to all who did WHEAT!! Keep Passing It On!!

*Brenda Barnickel,
Lay Director*



Painters doing WHEAT



The Peterstown TEC Hilton underwent a facelift recently under the direction of Brenda Barnickel, Lori McConville, and Dennis Gillan.



Meet the Newest TECites of 173



On behalf of the entire TEC Community, we would like to welcome the newest TECites of TEC 173. The weekend was held Feb. 26-28, under the direction of Leader Brian Corrigan and Assistant Leaders Steve Harmon and Don McLachlan.

New TECites include: Andrew White, Jonathon Gehm, Zachary Lewis, Derek & Nicole Green, Edgar Sandoval, Evan Carroll, Tyler Francis, Herb Buchanan, Adam King, Trae Blumhorst, Albert Munoz, David Galas, David Garza, Austin O'Sadnick, Cameron Hill, Tyler Cocanour, and Kevin Sanchez

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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:

- + **March 23:** Council Meeting 6p.m.
- + **April 2-4:** TEC 174

(girls)

- + **April 3:** Hoot Mass 5:30p.m.
- + **April 4:** TEC Center Clean Up 4:30p.m. (TEC 173)
- + **April 10:** Follow Up 5:30p.m.
- + **April 12:** Spiritual Core Team Meeting 6:30p.m.
- + **April 24:** EASTER!

+ **May 1:** TEC Reboost 6p.m.

+ **May 4:** Council Meeting (Potluck Dinner) 6p.m.



Please keep Aubrie Wall, Pozzi, Verene O'connor, Jim Leader of TEC 174 and her Hoscheid, Kylie Judd, Karly Hoscheid, Dean and Carol Vandre, Sister Kim Wolf, the April 2-4 weekend. Cindy Loebach, Rachel Team members include: Simonton, Torri Schimmer, Assistant Leaders Rhonda Sophie Bennett, Claire Tosta-Bezely and Karen Goy; Deacon Vince, Father Adam Layne Becker, and Danielle Stimpson, Dennis Gillan, Jyll Wall.

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Almsgiving for TEC 174?

For the most part, I find that people think of the season of Lent as a “four letter word,” which, of course it is, but you know what I mean.

I used to really dread Lent because it meant that I had to eat fish. I had to “give up” something. I had to cut back on sweets. (Sugar withdrawal is a terrible thing!)

Over the years, however, I have grown into a deep appreciation for the Season of Lent.

In fact, I would have to say that I like Lent and actually look forward to the season each year.

Lent is a season of reflection, re-evaluation, repentance and reconciliation.

Lent is a time of profound

grace and we are invited to let that grace sink in, take root and change us.

Through our observance of these days by listening to the Scripture from the Lenten liturgies and by participating in the traditional practices of the Church, we are invited, in this holy season, to be stripped down and cleansed from all the obstacles that keep us from seeing our true selves clearly; stripped down so that we may come to understand more powerfully the Love of God who embraces all of who we are.

There are many ways to enter into the spirit of the season and “observe” these days.

Almsgiving is more than just giving away money, it is

also about giving of our time through serving the needs of those around us.

Have you been slacking on your WHEAT for the TEC program? How about taking time this Lenten Season and recommitting yourself to provide some special WHEAT for TEC 174?

Aubrie Wall, leader of TEC 174, and her team have already begun preparations for the April 2-4 weekend.

Please take some time to do some almsgiving and write them a wheat note, bake some cookies for the weekend, or contact Rose Rose at (815) 638-2165 or by e-mail at kitchen@peterstowntec.com to volunteer in the kitchen.