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Harvest the TEC Crop

By: Deacon Vince Slomian

Dear TECites and families,

Well, school is back in full swing and football season is over for most of the area teams. Basketball is the next on the agenda.

Let us not forget about TEC.

We have completed two TEC weekends already this year.



We had a great girls' TEC in September, and a boys' weekend in November.

Now we are preparing for TEC 177, a girls' weekend on Dec. 3rd, 4th, 5th.

The team is already in preparation, getting ready for the weekend. Are you ready to help on the weekend?

Jesus said: "The harvest is plentiful; the workers are few."

Looking around the Illinois Valley area, we can observe the farmers working to harvest the

crops that will become food and many other products that make our lives easier and healthier to live. Jesus was not talking about this kind of harvest.

During the season of harvest, why don't we recommit ourselves to the Lord?

We can also work for the Lord. We can harvest people for the Kingdom of God.

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A Message from TEC Conference

Happy Thanksgiving! Happy Thanksgiving!

The season of celebrating and appreciating our heritage, our past, and the future that lies before us because of the efforts of others is upon us.

Please take time to stop, think about who and what has brought

you to this moment, and give THANKS to GOD for HIS PART and for everything you have been given.

This season of celebration and thanks should be proclaimed for everything, life, family, friends, ministry, good health, etc. etc. Enjoy the present moment! Enjoy

the family gathered! Enjoy the weather! Enjoy the smells! Reach out to those who aren't as blessed.

As our year draws to a close, I recognize the gift that TEC has been for me, my family, and lots of friends. With that

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Pass It On . . . A Note From Brenda

By: Brenda Barnickel, Lay Director

Spreading the Good News and Jesus' love is what we initially think of when we say "Pass It On," but "Passing It On" can be done in a variety of ways to help support the TEC program as well.

Monetary donations are always considered a blessing, but many seasoned TECites and parents have asked "what does the TEC Center need?"

Specifically knowing what your donation to the program covers is reassuring.

Therefore, it has been decided to let the TEC Community know of some specific *Wish List* items. The Wish List will be listed in the newsletter each month.

Some items need to be specific and are required to be purchased by a certain date to prepare properly for a TEC weekend. Those types of items have been marked accordingly with an asterisk.

If you would still like to give a monetary donation, but designate

it for something on the list, please communicate that as well.

If you have any questions about something on the general list or suggestions about something not listed, please contact me at laydirector@peterstowntec.com.

I can also be reached by phone at 815-973-6606 or 815-538-2091.

Please contact Rose Rose, our Kitchen Chairman, in regards to food donations for a TEC weekend, at kitchen@peterstowntec.com or by phone at 815-638-2165.

Thanks for your Wheat and "Passing It On" in this way.

May you and your family have a Blessed Thanksgiving!

- White Letter and Business size envelopes
 - 10x13 Manilla envelopes with clasps
 - Colored copy machine paper for applications etc. (*contact Brenda for colors needed)
 - Colored paper for wheat letters (5x7 size)
 - White and colored posterboard (*contact Brenda for colors and sizes needed)
 - Hand sanitizer
 - Soft Soap refills (orange antibacterial and clear)
 - Canned Soda (Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, Sprite Zero, Mountain Dew and Diet Mountain Dew) (*contact Brenda for what is low in supply)
 - Bottled water
 - Donations designated for TEC Crosses/Bibles
- Please contact Rose Rose for specific quantity, type, and deadline dates for the following:
- 2 % and Skim Milk
 - Lemonade Mix
 - Coffee
 - Sugar/Creamer
 - Fruit
 - Cereal
 - Cheese
 - Butter/Syrup
 - Potatoes
 - Frozen Vegetables
 - Fresh Vegetables (carrots, celery, cauliflower, broccoli)
 - Lettuce
 - Salad Dressing
 - Condiments
 - Meat
 - Lasagna Noodles
 - Ziplock Bags, aluminum foil, saran wrap, paper towels
 - 100% cotton hand towels and large
 - 100% white 36" square cotton drying towels (feed sack)

Be Workers

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Wouldn't it be wonderful to fill that conference room with 27 candidates and that challenge to be fulfilled? (And see Deacon Vince's hair pink?)

Wouldn't it be wonderful to have more boys that we need to serve the Agape Meal on Sunday evening?

Wouldn't it be wonderful to have more volunteers than are needed in the kitchen and save Rose from making telephone calls?

This can all happen if we answer the call of Jesus to be "workers for the harvest."

Say YES !!!

Continue to let your Light Shine!



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 newslet-ter@peterstowntec.com.

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

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:

+ **Nov. 21:** TEC Council

Meeting 6p.m.

+ **Nov. 21:** TEC 177 Team Meeting 7p.m.

+ **Nov. 30:** TEC 177 Team Meeting 7p.m.

+ **Dec. 3-5:** TEC 177 (Girls)

+ **Dec. 4:** Hoot Mass 5:30p.m.

+ **Dec. 5:** TEC Center Clean-Up 4:30p.m.

+ **Dec. 11:** Follow-up 5:30p.m.

+ **Dec. 13:** Spiritual Core Team Meeting 6:30p.m.

+ **Jan. 22:** Africa Presentation by Sister Anne Germaine Picard

PRAY! PRAY! PRAY!

“Give thanks in all things for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus,”

I Thessalonians 5:18

Have a Thankful Heart

Thankfulness is to render gratitude, or express thanks for words spoken or actions taken on our behalf.

In order to be thankful, however, we must be able to recognize the giver’s favor, gifts or promises on our behalf.

The Bible is filled with as many as 30,000 different promises from God to His children.

Every day we receive grace, favor, and the fulfillment of His promises — and yet these often go unnoticed.

We don’t always recognize God’s goodness because it is contrary to our will.

For example, when it rains on our family reunion, we don’t appreciate His goodness. But when that same rain waters the ground causing food to grow, then we eat it, and we see His goodness.

You may be wondering, “But how can I be thankful for pain and heartache?”

God is not asking you to be thankful, but to give thanks. There’s

a difference between feeling thankful and giving thanks.

One involves trusting our feelings, the other involves trusting God.

While our feelings will mislead us, God won’t. Sometimes we have to trust Him through difficult

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circumstances, recognizing that He is sovereign and in control.

Even if we don’t immediately see the fulfillment of His promise, it doesn’t mean we won’t see it fulfilled eventually.

An ungrateful heart is one that refuses to be satisfied, thereby rejecting both the Giver and the gift.

We are warned that ungratefulness is associated with wickedness and is the opposite of loving God.

The Bible describes unappreciative people as lovers of themselves and their accomplishments. Such an attitude breeds pride, rebellion, conceit, and a lack of self-control, ultimately causing separation from Christ.

Gratitude begins with a tender heart of repentance. To obtain a repentant heart, we may need to ask ourselves how and if we have rejected God and His blessings.

Have we said, “This is enough,” or “This is not what I asked for?”

In what areas of our lives have we challenged His goodness, disbelieved His promises, and refused to give glory to Him?

Begin to acknowledge who God is and what He has done even when you don’t understand why.

Our lack of understanding should never be an excuse not to give thanks. *Give thanks in all things for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus,* (I Thessalonians 5:18).

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Cultivate a Heart of Gratitude

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A heart of gratitude must be cultivated, and can be a sacrifice of time and effort.

It is significant that even Paul said, “I have learned in whatever state I am, therewith to be content,” (Philippians 4:11).

It takes faith to thank God for circumstances that we do not understand. But is it not when we step out in faith that we are rewarded abundantly?

Though we struggle with giving uncondition-

al thanks, God is able to change our stubborn hearts into grateful hearts.

A grateful spirit and a thankful heart are an integral part of a holy life.

The person who recognizes God’s goodness and is thankful has a heart full of praise that brings joy to the Father and glory to His name.

An attitude of gratitude will bring your heart a host of blessings and make you a channel of blessings to others.

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Share Your Challenges/Solutions



Ron Reiter, Executive Director for TEC Conference

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gift come challenges and important decisions that need to be made by leaders in all TEC communities as we move toward the new year. How has your TEC community overcome the following challenges?

- Building an adult and young adult community
- Formation and training of adult and young adult leaders

- Recruiting team members
- Recruiting candidates
- Follow-up ministry after the TEC weekend
- Networking/ collaborating with other youth and young adult ministries in a diocese

How did prayer guide you in determining the Spirit’s direction for your TEC community? What did you learn from

the past history of your local TEC Community? Who did you collaborate with those that assisted you in overcoming these challenges?

Please share your solutions to these four questions with the TEC family. Send your responses to office@teconference.org.

GOD PROVIDES! Even when it seems we are in the midst of CHAOS, God is creating

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Welcome TECites of TEC 176



On behalf of the entire TEC Community, we would like to welcome the newest TECites of TEC 176. The weekend was held Nov. 5-7, under the direction of Leader Jeff Schimmer, and Assistants Mike Perez and Aaron Hoscheid.

New TECites include: Nate Bradford, Kyle Edcomb, Dane Gonzalez, Will Harmon, Erich Jauch, Blake Quiram, Zach Scarbrough, Evan Suarez, Cody Veronda, Joseph Wallace, and Cody Zinke.

Prayers Needed

Please pray for the Team of TEC 177: Leader, Yvonne Sondgeroth; Assistant Leaders, Erin Kelly and Cindi Loebach; Deacon Vince Slomian, Father Adam Stimpson, Kim Santman, Karen Mecagni, Sister Anne Germaine Picard, Linda Mahnesmith, Steve & Mary Kunkel, Gina Mecagni, Shelby Straughn, Heather Carlone, Angela Silfies, Tori Schimmer, Erin Gahan, Claire Tostovarsnik, and Megan Tiger.

Let us also pray for all those TECites and their families who are suffering from illness, particularly cancer.

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 www.peterstowntec.com.

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‘... Ask For Help’ From TEC Family

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something new. As a TEC family, please pray for one another and also recognize that sometimes your support and answer to any challenges you have, lie outside of your community.

Don't be afraid to ask for and to seek solutions that will make the new year of 2012 an important year in the

history of your TEC community. Thanks for your commitment of time, talent, and treasure to the TEC Movement.

In Christ, Ron Reiter

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