

# The Shining Son

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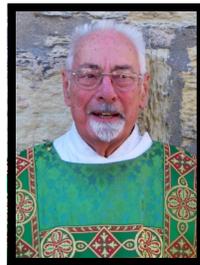
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## Stay in touch with friends

By: Deacon Vince Slomian

Dear TECites and Friends,

We have started this new TEC season with an outstanding weekend on T E C #170.



We have made new friends and revitalized our friendship with some of our old friends.

Our friends are one of the greatest gifts of God. We have all experienced many friendships during our TEC weekend. Friends are the ones we can share our feelings, our dreams,

and our faults. We can relive our many memories, whether good or bad, our victories and disappointments. One of the best friends we made during the weekend was Jesus.

Sometimes we may even take our friends for granted as we may do with Jesus. But in order to stay friends with a person, we must communicate with them often. By doing this, we will strengthen our friendship.

I suggest this school year that we continue our friendship with Jesus by attending your church's religious services regularly. In this way, we can share with him our concerns and

our joys.

I also suggest that you stay in contact with your fellow TECites, those friends you made on your weekend. It's always fun to return to the Hoot's and the Follow-ups, the Sunday evening after the TEC weekend.

Find time to talk with your fellow TECites. Text them, call them. Do it today. They are interested in your welfare as is Jesus.

The boys' TEC is coming up on Nov. 6-8. Everyone is responsible to sign up a candidate. Remember what the back of your cross says: "CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU!"

## Happy Birthday TEC Movement

Welcome to the new school year, the fall season that lies before us, and the 45th anniversary of the first TEC weekend that was held in October 1965.

We have a lot to be grateful for that we can daily take before the Lord in prayer.

All three items I men-

tioned above are certainly interconnected, with the Lord's hand touching them all.

Our families, children, grandchildren, neighbors and friends that will be impacted by this fall season of beautiful colors, new learning experiences in school, and God's love

showered down upon us in so many different encounter experiences, but especially the TEC Encounter experience, is lived out daily in our Paschal Mystery journey.

We are so blessed to be invited into this mystery,

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**“Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the Earth!”**

*Psalm 98:4*

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

By: Brenda Barnickel, Lay Director



Surprise!! Don't you just love a surprise? Especially the type that

bring tears to your eyes?!

I was blessed with the surprise of receiving one of the 2010 Spirit of TEC Awards given out by the TEC Conference this year.

This award acknowledges individuals for their exemplary commitment to Catholic young people.

The 2010 recipients represent 20 dioceses throughout the U.S., including four priests and 39 lay adult and youth leaders.

Since 1990, approximately 700 people have been honored with this distinction. Nominees are selected by their local TEC communities. What a blessing and honor to be a part of this award winning group of TECites!

The best part of this surprise that touches my heart is Deacon Vince, who nominated me, did the paperwork, called my family, and presented me with this award at the

Hoot on the TEC 170 weekend.

Deacon Vince has known me all my life. He has given me spiritual guidance, witnessed my marriage, baptized my children, and mentored my path in TEC leadership. I thank him for this honor and all his WHEAT!! There were many God-incidences in this great kept secret.

The second best part of this surprise, was receiving it with my family present, most of all, my husband, Earl. He has sacrificed many a day and night without me at home, as many other family members do with faithful TECites involved in the program.

I made my first TEC weekend almost 30 years ago, just before we started dating, so my service to the Lord has always played a big part in our relationship. This was just as big of a surprise for my family that evening as it was for me. I know they are very proud and I thank them all for their loving support!!

I want to take this time to ask the TEC Community to encourage that same loving support through Paschal Mystery

Wheat Letters on our TEC weekends. These wheat letters can be an awesome surprise for the candidates!

The Paschal Mystery meditation on a TEC weekend introduces and ends with the reading of wheat letters.

General wheat letters are read to exemplify the message that the love of Christ remains a vital force in the world around them. It also serves to create in the candidates an awareness that the reality of what is happening is larger than what is taking place in the conference room, or, indeed, in the TEC Center.

These letters offer prayers and sacrifices for the success of the TEC weekend and for the candidates as a group. These serve to make the candidates aware that the whole Church is reaching out to them in concern.

The candidates and team members are then each given a small bundle of personal of wheat letters. These serve two purposes .

The first is to put a face on the love of Christ reflected in the

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# Rosary Month

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our



Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7. It was

instituted to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful.

The feast was introduced by Pope St. Pius V (1504-1572) in the year 1571 to commemorate the miraculous victory of the Christian forces in the Battle of Lepanto on October 7, 1571. The

pope attributed more to the "arms" of the Rosary than the power of cannons and the valor of the soldiers who fought there.

Legend tells us that the Rosary, as a form of prayer, was given to St. Dominic (1170- 1221) by Mary, the Mother of Our Lord, who entrusted it to him as an aid in the conflicts with the Albigensians.

The Dominican pope, St. Pius V, did much to further the spread of the Rosary and thereafter became one of the most popular devotions in Christendom. It was the same Pope St. Pius V, who in 1569 officially approved the Rosary in its present form.

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:laydirector@peterstowntec.com).

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

## 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:

+ **Oct 6:** First team meeting

for TEC 171 (Boys)

+ **Oct 12:** Spiritual Core Team Meeting 6:30p.m.

+ **Oct 27:** Council Meeting 6p.m.

+ **Nov. 3:** First team meeting TEC 172 (Girls)

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

+ **Nov. 7:** Hoot Mass at 5:30p.m.

+ **Nov. 14:** Follow-up at 5:30p.m.

**PRAY! PRAY! PRAY!**

# 45 Years of TEC

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to experience this mystery daily, and to see, through the TEC Encounter, the rich impact it has had on us and our friends in our faith journey back to the Lord.

The journey seems to be at times beyond what we can handle, what we can possibly accomplish, but the Lord, through the

power of the Holy Spirit is the one who accomplishes it all, who helps us stay the course. He is our source of strength and the right direction to follow from the very beginning of any difficulty or challenge.

I invite your prayers and support for each member of the TEC Family during this time of celebration and thanks-

giving.

Please also pray for the TEC Movement, the new forming TEC communities, and those that are dying out for various reasons.

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My  
Consecration  
as a women  
Religious  
announces  
to the world  
that I belong  
to God and  
to his people  
as a Sister of  
Mary of the  
Presentation.

— Sister Anne Germaine

## Former Lay Director Turns 80

Friends, family, parishioners, and TECites are invited to attend an open house Saturday, Oct. 16 for Gloria Strem-lau, who will celebrate 80 years of life, from 3-7pm.

Quoted as saying, "Many dedicated teens and adults making TEC here willingly continue to

work with the parishioners, (by) contributing their time, skills, and funds to maintain and do improvements to the school building and parish center -- named the Father Paul Hettinger Parish Center -- that is home to the Peterstown TEC community," Gloria is one of those dedicated

TECites.

Gloria, a longtime Sts. Peter and Paul Parishioner and TEC supporter, served as the lay director from 1985 to 1993.

The family has asked that gifts be omitted. Cards may also be sent to Gloria Strem-lau at 4015 E. First Road, Mendota, IL 61342.

## Sister celebrates 50 years as SMP



Fifty years ago, Sister Anne Germaine Picard became as a Sister of Mary of the Presentation. Sister Anne Germaine

was born and raised in North Dakota but is currently living in Princeton, serving as the Community's Vocation Director. She has also served in ministry roles such as radiologist technician, pastoral care, and campus ministry.

The St. Louis Parish women's group in Princeton held an open house for Sister on Oct. 3.

Congratulations Sister Anne Germaine and may God continue to bless you as you continue your journey with the Lord.

# Meet the TECites of TEC 170



On behalf of the entire TEC Community, we would like to welcome the newest TECites of TEC 170.

The weekend was held Sept. 18-20, under the direction of Leader Kim Schimmer and Assistant Leaders Julie Mahoney-Krzyzek and Carol McLachlan.

New TECites include: Sydney Miller, Sophie Bennett, Lauren Kunkel, Layne Becker, Xuxa Piotrowski, Savannah Berry, Hannah Sons, Tori Schimmer, Angela Despinis, and Jennifer Diaz.

## Offer a daily rosary for the TEC family

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The Rosary is traced back to the High Middle Ages, where it became a substitute for the Divine Office for the lay monks and devout lay persons who did not know how to read.

Instead of the 150 psalms, they would pray 150 “Our Fathers” counting them on a ring of beads known as the crown or “corona.”

With the growth of popularity of Marian devotion in the twelfth century, the “Psalter of the Blessed Virgin Mary” developed now

substituting 150 “Hail Marys” in place of the “Our Fathers.”

The 150 “Hail Marys” were subsequently subdivided into fifteen decades, with each decade referring to an event in the life of Jesus and Mary.

The practice of dedicating the entire month of October to the Holy Rosary developed toward the end of the last century. Pope Leo XIII (1878-1903) strongly promoted the increase of devotion to the Blessed Mother by encouraging the constant use of the Rosary.

In this month of October, let us consider this beautiful prayer of the Rosary as a means that we too can use in order to draw closer to Jesus and Mary by meditating on the great mysteries of our salvation.

As wheat, consider praying a daily rosary for TEC 171 and all those who will encounter Christ this year through the TEC program.

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## Write Paschal Mystery Wheat Notes

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hearts and minds of persons whom they know – their friends, their teachers, their parents, their pastor etc.

The second purpose they serve is to transform relationships already existing into actual graces; relationships they have taken for granted are now seen as something very precious and special in their lives.

As they read their letters, a profound silence usually settles over the room, while the full impact of the many testimonies of love are allowed to sink in. It is a moment of profound contemplation.

I will be communicating to the TEC family the list of

known candidates that will be coming for a weekend.

I encourage TECites, outside of the team and wheat team for the weekend, to write these letters. I also encourage TECites to ask those outside of the TEC family, who know a candidate, to write a Paschal Mystery Wheat Letter. They do not have to be lengthy.

Also, keep in mind as to not to divulge details of the weekend coming up. They should be concentrated on the love of Christ as a whole.

These letters are to be marked with a “PM” in the

corner or marked as Paschal M y s t e r y .

First and last names are to be used for team and candidates in case there are multiple people with the same first name.

Letters need to be turned into the TEC Center office by Saturday morning of the TEC weekend, so that the

Wheat Team can have the individual bundles organized in time for later that afternoon.

If someone would like to email a wheat letter they need to be sent to the Lay Director or Wheat Team Chairman by Friday night

of the weekend. However, handwritten letters are recommended.

Pray for the team and candidates of TEC 171 and write them a wheat note. The team is being led by Phil Grant and his assistants Duane Krzyzek and Jack Kusak.

Other team members include Deacon Vince Slomian, Father Gary Blake, Kim Santman, Anita Kobilsek, Verene O’Connor, Jim Hoscheid, Les and Cog Grant, Mike Goodbred, Ben Read, Collin Bezely, Nolan Toovey, Mike Webster, Neil Mecagni, Kevin Toovey, Jonas Francis, Joe Migliorini, Alex Miller, and Jered Hoscheid.

