

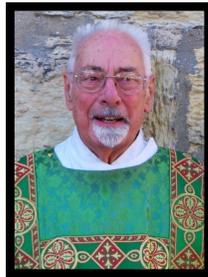
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SEPTEMBER 2012

Meet New Friends at TEC



Dear TECites, fill the conference room. Hurry and get them in now.

Where did the summer go to? This is one of the best ways that we can get to make and know more friends.

September is upon us as we start another TEC season. TEC #180 is well under way and the team has a good start on signing up candidates. The weekend is this weekend.

But, they need your HELP. The "challenge" is still on and so we need quite a few more candidates signed up to

Our friends are among the greatest gifts of God. We have become friends with people we did not know before our TEC weekend.

Friends are those that we can share our feelings, dreams and our faults with.

We can remember the good and bad memories of life, our victories and our disappointments. We

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have to continue to communicate with them often.

One of the best friends we made during our TEC weekend was Jesus. We encountered Him as our Lord and Savior in those three short days.

May we continue to talk to Jesus and listen to Him by attending our church services and coming back to the TEC weekends meeting new friends and continuing our old friendships.

Let Your Light Shine.
"Keep Coming Back"

Padre Pio: First Stigmatized Priest

Francesco, named in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, was born to Giuseppa and Grazio Forgione, peasant farmers, in the small Italian village of Pietrelcina on May 25, 1887.

From his childhood, it was evident that he was a special child of God.

Francesco was very

devout even as a child, and at an early age felt drawn to the priesthood.

He became a Capuchin novice at the age of sixteen and received the habit in 1902.

Francesco was ordained to the priesthood in 1910 after seven years of study and became known as Padre Pio.

On September 20, 1918, Padre Pio was kneeling in front of a large crucifix when he received the visible marks of the crucifixion, making him the first stigmatized priest in the history of Church.

The doctor who examined Padre Pio could not find any natural cause for the wounds.

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Faith in Friends

Karen Mecagni, Lay Director

Dear TEC Family,
As we begin a new season, the TEC Center has a new look.

Over the summer, several volunteers gave their time and talent with many nights of painting, cleaning, furniture moving, and decorating.

The end result is a fresh new look for the Peterstown Hilton.

Draw back the curtains to reveal a surprise in the shower

room. The leaders' room has new carpet, the live-ins room has new furniture and everyone has new cots to sleep on.

Come check it out, you'll want to spend a weekend here!

The team of TEC 180 is busy preparing for the weekend of Sept 22-24. They are building community and gathering candidates.

Do some WHEAT – write some notes, help in the kitchen, come to the

hoot, and pray, pray, pray.

My thought to leave you with is from the Word Among Us.

“Father, you have called me by name and anointed me to proclaim your word. Now I need your guidance. How do I remain faithful to you? How do I stand strong? How do I discern my role in your kingdom? Lord, I want to be pleasing to you!”

Faith in Friends!

TEC Under the Stars Oct. 20

Want to be able to dance it up at the TEC Hoots?

The Peterstown TEC Reboost will be having its fall gathering, “TEC Under the Stars,” on Saturday, Oct. 20 from 7-9p.m. at the Hilton.

The evening will start with an hour of line dancing lessons in the gym.

Come to learn or teach other TECites how to kick up their heels.

There will also be guitar music and a

campfire outside to stargaze and hear stories about star constellations.

All are invited to attend.

Donations of marshmallows, Hershey's bars, and graham crackers are greatly welcomed.

Come relax in the country atmosphere and re-ignite your LIGHT under the stars.



Who: TECites
When: Oct. 20
Where: Hilton
Why: Stargazing, Line Dancing, and fellowship

'Used the Confessional' to Help People Grow



death the wounds would heal. The wounds of the stigmata were not the only mystical phenomenon experienced by Padre Pio.

The blood from the stigmata had an odor described by many as similar to that of perfume or flowers, and the gift of bilocation was attributed to him.

Padre Pio had the ability to read the hearts of the penitents who flocked to him for confession which he heard for ten or twelve hours per day.

Padre Pio used the confessional to bring both sinners and devout souls closer to God; he would

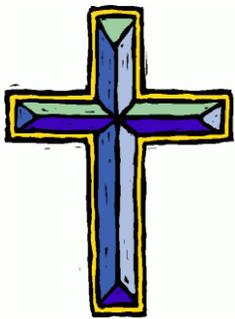
know just the right word of counsel or encouragement that was needed.

Even before his death, people spoke to Padre Pio about his possible canonization.

He died on September 23, 1968 at the age of eighty-one. His funeral was attended by about 100,000 people.

On June 16, 2002, over 500,000 Padre Pio devotees gathered in Rome to witness Pope John Paul II proclaim Padre Pio, Saint Pio of Pietrelcina.

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Upon his death in 1968, the wounds were no longer visible. In fact, there was no scarring and the skin was completely renewed.

He had predicted 50 years prior that upon his

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Important 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. 22-24:** TEC 180 (Girls)
- + **Sept. 23:** Hoot Mass 5:30p.m.
- + **Sept. 30:** Follow-up 5:30p.m.
- + **Oct. 3:** First Team Meeting TEC 181 (Boys)
- + **Oct. 20:** TEC Under the Stars 7-9p.m.

PRAY! PRAY! PRAY!



An Act of Contrition

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell. But most of all because I have offended you, my God, who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of your grace, to confess my sins, to do penance and to amend my life. Amen.

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