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There are several readings at Mass during the year that immediately take me back to a TEC weekend. The story of the Prodigal takes me back to Die Day, reminding me of my need to have a change of heart and to turn closer to Jesus. In John 12:24 it says “a grain of wheat remains no more than a single grain unless it is dropped into the ground and dies. If it does die, then it produces many grains”. When I hear that reading at Mass, I think of the wheat letters and the sacrifices people made to put on a TEC weekend. In a few weeks we will be celebrating Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples like tongues of fire and a strong wind. When I hear that reading at Mass, I think of the wind during the Monday morning prayer service.

The apostles were on fire after Pentecost, and the book of Acts tells of the amazing things they did. We may feel a similar excitement right after a TEC weekend, and want to let our light shine to everyone we meet. But after a while that light may start to fade. How do we keep our light shining bright? There are several ways, and prayer is an excellent one. Having that conversation with Jesus to praise him, to thank him, and to ask him for help can brighten our light. Reading the Bible is another way to keep our light bright. The words can give us comfort and help point us in the direction we should be going. Another way to keep our lights bright is to hang out with friends and share our faith with those around us. We can encourage them and they can encourage us. And of course, we can **KEEP COMING BACK!**

Kim Santman

Lead Me Lord!

As a child I was taught an act of reverence for the Blessed Trinity (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) as well as the presence of Christ in the tabernacle by blessing myself with the sign of the cross while passing the front doors of a church.

A couple months ago I was browsing through my emails and came across an article referring to this practice along with some prayers you may want to recite while doing this act of reverence. I thought I would pass them along to you. They are short and easy to remember. First a bit of history about this practice.

Who started this practice? This idea of showing reverence when passing a church is attributed to St. Francis of Assisi or one of his followers. It has been said that when they would pass a church or even see the towers of a church from a distance, they would stop, kiss the ground, and pray the following prayer:

"We adore You O Lord Jesus Christ in this church and all the churches of the world, and we bless You, because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world."

Through the centuries, many others have imitated this gesture each time they pass a church, sometimes with a single tip of the hat, a bow of the head, a sign of the cross, or some other act of reverence.

Here are 10 prayers you may pray whenever you notice a Catholic Church and want to give praise to God for the great mystery of His Eucharistic presence.

- 1) I adore Thee every moment, O living Bread of Heaven, Great Sacrament!
- 2) Jesus, Heart of Mary, I pray Thee send Thy blessing on my soul.
- 3) Holiest Jesus! Loving Savior! I give Thee my heart.
- 4) May all know, adore, and praise every moment, always, the most holy and divine Sacrament.
- 5) Blessed and praised every moment be the most holy and divine Sacrament.
- 6) Sweet heart of my Jesus, make me love Thee ever more and more!
- 7) O Sacrament most holy! O Sacrament divine! All praise and all thanksgiving be every moment Thine.
- 8) Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, on fire with love of us, inflame our hearts with love of Thee.
- 9) My God and my all!
- 10) May the Heart of Jesus in the most Blessed Sacrament be praised, adored, and loved with grateful affection, at every moment, in all the Tabernacles of the world, even to the end of time. Amen.

<https://aletia.org/2018/02/27/10-short-prayers>

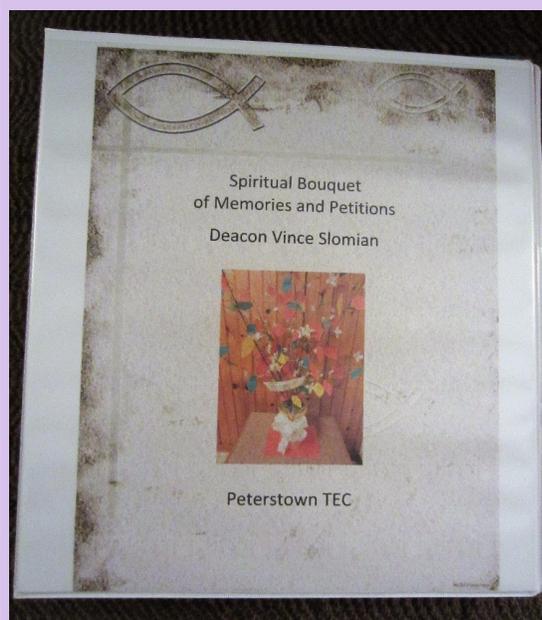
Lead us, Lord!

DEACON VINCE

Deacon Vince Slomian's daughters, Teresa, Cheryl, and Kathy in addition to his sister, Phyllis want to extend their heartfelt gratitude for the many prayers, cards, visitors, phone calls, and food Deacon Vince received the past few months from the Peterstown TEC, Illinois Valley Cursillo, Mendota Holy Cross, Sts. Peter and Paul, and St. Teresa's in Earlville communities. You really brightened his days and Let Your Light Shine for him!

If you were unable to come to the Visitation or Rite of Christian Burial for Deacon Vince Slomian but participated in the "Spiritual Bouquet" Peterstown TEC sent, here are a couple pictures of the bouquet. A couple of "seasoned" TECites asked that a mass email be sent out to all TECites as well as a notice on the Peterstown Facebook Page that if TECites wanted to contribute, they could respond to one or all of three questions; how TEC has changed their life, How Deacon Vince touched their life, or what act of WHEAT you were going to do in honor of the repose of the soul of Deacon Vince.

Some answers were shorter than others with some being a page long. Tecites' names were placed on one of three colored leaves or on separate, different colored leaves if responding to all three questions. The response was typed and put in an adjoining binder so the responses could be read and kept for the Slomian family. The leaves with TECite names were stuck to budding branches.



TEC ENCOUNTER 2018

The theme for this year's TEC Encounter is "Come to the Table".



Please join us in Baton Rouge, LA, from July 13-15 for TEC Encounter 2018

WHAT: A 3-day gathering of the international TEC family to pray, play, share, and network.

WHO: Open to anyone over 18 who loves TEC and wants to learn more and better their TEC community.

WHEN: July 13-15, 2018

WHERE: Baton Rouge, LA

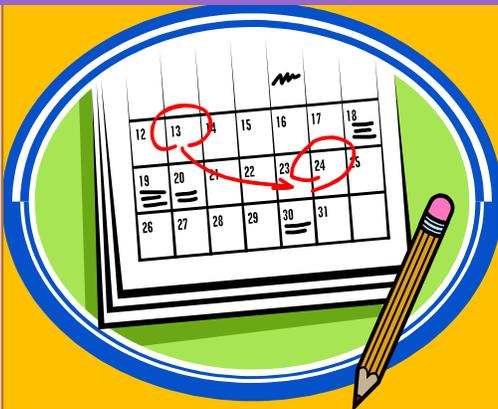
Please consider attending! This is a great opportunity to meet and build relationships with other TEC leaders from across the country. Please think about attending! Contact Robin ,call/text 815-915-5395 if you would like to attend. It is a wonderful experience! You need to be 18 to attend. Check it out on "TEC Links" on the Peterstown TEC website and then click on TEC Conference for more information.

WELCOME NEW TECITES

We were blessed to have 15 new TECites join the Peterstown TEC Community on the recent TEC #209 Girls weekend. We are overjoyed to welcome 14 candidates and one new team member!

Hannah Ambler, Araceli Avila-Arteaga, Grace Brandner, Rachel Brandner, Hannah Henderson, Ashley Johnson, Jordan Kraml, Jessica Nambo, Maria Orozco, Regina Scarpaci, Theran Schmitt, Allison Stielow, Daisy Vasquez, Erika Yanez, and new team member Sr. Victoria Oleka.

IMPORTANT DATES-



July 13-15th-
TEC Encounter 2018
Baton Rouge, LA

Aug. 8-
TEC Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Sept. 29,30 and Oct 1st-
Girls TEC #210 weekend

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.

THANK YOU!!!

“God can restore what is broken and change it into something amazing. All you need is faith.” Joel 2:25

Faith has gotten us through another TEC season. We worry and hope everyone is comfortable and happy to be with us, but it always turns out as it is intended. The young men and women that spend a faith filled weekend here at Peters-town are sent to us through prayers and love. We thank everyone who has had any part of helping feed our folks during the 2017-18 season. Special thanks goes to:

Mendota Knights of Columbus- pork chops and sausage
R O Pros - Water and ice
Spring Valley Supermarket - Italian bread
Peter Vaessen family - eggs
Nanette Gillan - lasagna
Fassig family - dessert

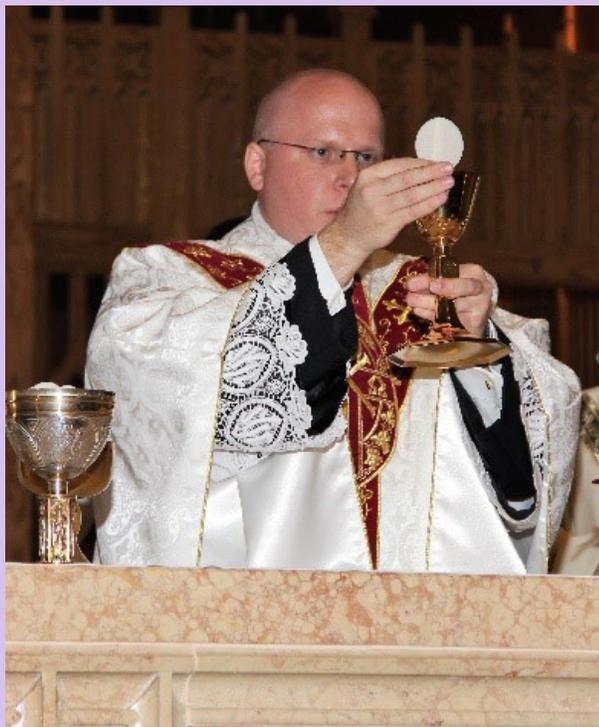
We always need volunteers for all shifts. No experience necessary. Be prepared to have fun and fellowship! Call/text me 815.866.6889 or email rossranch92@gmail.com. Looking forward to hearing from you in the fall for 2018-19 season!

Peace,

Jill Ross, Kitchen chair

A huge hug of THANKS and a lot of gratitude goes out to the leader of TEC #208, Andy Sondgeroth. Andy and several of the young (and some seasoned) men from that TEC as well as a couple women showed up Monday after TEC #209 to help pick up after and clean the TEC Center. We were done by 5:15 because of the quantity of TECites that came to help and do the extra WHEAT and offer it up for TEC #209! Many hands make the work load lighter for all! Thank you all so much!

WHAT A BLESSING!!



FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

FOR FATHER JACOB ROSE IN MAY

Peterstown was given another “spiritual reboot” with Fr. Jacob Rose sharing about the Communion of Saints at our March Spiritual Core Team Meeting. He encouraged all the Assistant Spiritual Directors to give thought to their favorite Patron Saint and to incorporate that into a TEC weekend as an awesome example when encouraging candidates to select a Saint for the Litany of Saints, which leads off the Covenant Rite on Sunday.

The Peterstown TEC program is blessed with the participation of many clergy throughout our TEC season. For that we are truly grateful!

This May happens to be the 5th anniversary of Fr. Rose’s ordination to the priesthood. Please offer up prayers and congratulations! May he continue to shine for his parish, as well as the TEC program!

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KEEP PRAYING: CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU

Pray for the Girls TEC #210 weekend that will be held Sept. 29,30 and Oct 1st.

Pray for all TECites and their families who are suffering from illness, loss of jobs, and other stressors of life. 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 <https://www.peterstowntec.com>.PRAYER REQUESTS.



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