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Dear TECites, friends and families,

We just had our last TEC weekend of the school year, #214, with 21 young ladies coming to encounter Christ and to grow in their faith. That's the largest group we've had in the last three years. Thank you to all who were involved in inviting those candidates to come, because without candidates there would be no TEC weekend. And thanks to all of you that were involved in making the weekend happen: those on the presenting team, the wheat team, helpers in the kitchen, people who donated food and brought in cookies, those who came out to the Hoot to show support for the new TECites, those on the TEC Council with various duties for the weekend, and everyone else who played a role, including the friends and family that made sacrifices so that others could spend more time with the TEC program. I am also grateful for the parish of Saints Peter and Paul for letting us use the facilities for the TEC program, and thanks to Father Pilon and Father Fulgens for helping with the sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday night.

If you were at the last Hoot, you've already heard this, but I have exciting news to share. Since Deacon Vince Slomian passed away in March 2018, many of us have been wondering who will be assigned as the next Spiritual Director for the TEC program at Peterstown. We had been very blessed to have Deacon Vince as the Spiritual Director for 38 years; very few (if any) TEC programs in the country have had someone that dedicated and devoted to the program for that many years. The Peoria Diocese has established two positions to support the Peterstown TEC program, a Spiritual Director who would be directly involved in most of the TEC weekends, and a Spiritual Advisor who would be a priest in the area that is familiar with the TEC program who would be an available resource and would see that the program stays true to the TEC guidelines. I'm excited to let you know that Bishop Jenky has recently assigned Deacon Dan O'Connor to be our Spiritual Director, and has assigned Father Daniel Gifford as our Spiritual Advisor. Deacon Dan was ordained in 2017, but has been active with the Peterstown TEC program since 2009 when he and his wife Verene were the married couple on TEC 163. He has served as an Assistant Spiritual Director since 2010, and has been on many TEC teams during that time. Father Gifford was ordained in 2012 and is the Pastor at St. Louis Church in Princeton. He has been very involved with TEC as well. He was the priest on the boys' weekend for TEC 213, and has been involved with other TEC programs in the Peoria Diocese prior to his coming to Princeton. His TEC experience as a teen played a part in his discernment to become a priest. Congratulations to both Father Gifford and Deacon Dan for their new assignments and for their dedication to serving our Lord!

Kim Santman, Assistant Spiritual Director

Lead Me Lord!

In the March Newsletter of "The Shining Son" I mentioned several of our TECites who passed from this life to the next to be with our Heavenly Father. When writing that article, I was unaware there would soon be one more, Ben Bokus. On Sunday morning, March 10th, I was made aware that Ben had lost his battle with leukemia.

Ben had made his TEC on #196, a Boys November TEC weekend in 2015. It was God's plan for Ben to be a part of that TEC weekend. God had a purpose for Ben to have time to come to TEC. It is difficult for high school students to fit a weekend away from home, friends, and school activities into their life. God was important enough to Ben to get to know his Son, Jesus, a bit more and know of Christ's unconditional love for Ben and the rest of us!

Ben's sister, Anna, made her TEC weekend as a candidate on TEC #212 in December of 2018 (with Maggie Sons, Beverly Gualandri's granddaughter) (see the March Newsletter). Remember, too, Deb Funfsinn was the Musician at the Hoot Mass for TEC #212. Another way Christ has continued to weave our lives together. Anna was on this past TEC #214 weekend as a TEC Team member. The TEC Team #214 prayed for Ben at the Wednesday night team meeting prior to the weekend of Ben's passing. We all continue to keep Ben, his family, and all of our TEC families in our prayers.

Lead us, Lord!
Robin Santman

WELCOME NEW TECITES!

Did you get a chance to meet the newest members to the Peterstown TEC family? A warm welcome for our new TECites to the TEC family!

Kallie Albrecht, Jennifer Alvarado, Ashleigh Collins, Myah Boelk, Antonia Catania, Shannon Cotter, Kenzie Edens, Olivia Eiken, Anna Gonzalez, Bonnie Hall, Allie Hernandez, Avery Lamis, Berkeley Linnig, Mackenzie Mrowicki, Ellyn Nowakowski, Natalie Orozco, Abby Phalen, Lidia Templeton, Brenda Torres, Elaina Wamhoff, and Abby Weber.

It was fantastic to have you come and spend the weekend at Peterstown with us! Make sure you "KEEP COMING BACK"!

WHEAT

ULTIMATE WHEAT....

was done by a few dedicated TECites from TEC #213. The TECites to come and help included Mario Carlone, Greg Oseland, Ken Pozzi, Carol McLachlan, Ashton Dewey, and Kim Santman. It took a bit longer but we did get finished by 6:00 p.m. Thank you to all! We really do need help cleaning up after the TEC weekend. Many hands lend to a lighter work load for all! Please consider coming to help on Monday at 4:30 of a TEC Weekend and offering it up as WHEAT for that TEC weekend. Thank You!

SWAG DAY



We would like to help bring more awareness to the TEC program and to have another reason to wear those TEC items we all have around. TEC Swag day is going to be celebrated every Friday. The whole TEC community is invited to wear their TEC items to school, work, to the game or while working out. If you have a dress code, it only means you need to be creative. Wear a hoodie or fleece to and from school or work. Throw in a TEC t-shirt to wear at the gym. Toss on your TEC cross, Christ is counting on you!

2019 TEC SEASON

The Peterstown TEC Community have set dates for TEC Season 2019-2020.

BOYS TEC #215 Nov. 2-4, 2019
GIRLS TEC #216 Dec. 7-9, 2019
BOYS TEC #217 Feb. 22-24, 2020
GIRLS TEC #218 April 4-6, 2020

Notice that we will be offering 4 TEC Weekends rather than 5.

If you would like to be a part of a TEC Team next season, please submit an application form by snail mail or online! We always need TEAM MEMBERS as well as CANDIDATES to have a TEC Weekend!!!

WHAT'S NEW

A “different” type of candle was used during the last Hoot on (TEC #214). For the first time battery-operated candles were used. No worries about wax or anything catching on fire from a “rogue” flame. With a simple click of a switch the candles were lit and put out quickly. Candles could be moved around without any issues! Email me and tell me what you think of us using flameless candles. My email is laydirector@peterstowntec.com

A big thank you to Daniel Francis with “Batteries and Things” for use of the candles and Jill Ross for arranging for their use!

You will also notice some new home furnishings throughout the TEC Center. Thank you to John and Pat Sondgeroth for the donations in memory of Katie.

DO YOU HAVE ITEMS TO DONATE

Peterstown TEC has been invited by TEC Conference (International Office in New Orleans, Louisiana) to share item(s) for the live and silent auctions at the upcoming TEC Encounter 2019.

TEC Encounter 2019 will be held at St. John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota July 12-14th, 2019. Individual item donations or a basket of items may be donated by a TEC Community and individuals in a TEC Community. Popular items include:

- Religious items (statuettes, crosses, Bible verses on display, etc.)
- Themed basket collections (drinks, snacks, games, school supplies, etc.)
- Items that are specific to our local TEC Center (shirts, crosses, etc.)
- Home Decor (plaques, signs, wall decorations, etc.)
- Woodwork or other handmade items and crafts
- Unique items you would like in your own home!

If you have items for the live auction such as donating a week at your summer cabin, time share, vacation home, professional sports game tickets, or usually larger ticket items, etc., these need to be known by May 15th. The proceeds from live and silent auctions are used to support TEC Conference as they provide material and services of support for many TEC Communities. Proceeds also help defray the cost of TEC Encounter. This year's theme is "Called by Christ, Affirmed in Love, Sent to Serve"!

During TEC Encounter "the TEC family gathers for 3 days each year so that our call to Encounter Christ may deepen".

At TEC Encounter you will find:

- A deeper sense of community
- Networking opportunities
- Greater knowledge of TEC's Spiritual Process
- An opportunity to gather and share resources
- Personal Spiritual renewal

So far there are 4 TECites from the Peterstown TEC community registered for TEC Encounter 2019. It is not too late if you would like to attend also! You do need to be at least 18 years old. You may register online at:

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07efxfa8bx310e5b50&llr=gyrqm6rab>

Please contact Robin (815)915-5395 if you do sign up to go or if you have an item you would be able to donate so car pools may be formed and information about donated items may be passed along to TEC Conference.

KITCHEN NEWS

I share with you words that have changed my perspective on my faith.

The good news today and every day is that God's gracious love is poured through Christ apart from any accounting of which crowd we stand in or which word is coming from our lips. When we think about it, we really are gathered together not through our commitment to Christ but through Christ's commitment to us. That promise is made to us in baptism, where God marks us FOREVER as God's own. And it is with this promise that we walk through the moments of every day, knowing that in ALL things Christ has chosen to stand by us.

TEC #5 was my first TEC. It truly changed my life. After all these years, it still changes my life. The TEC community brings me peace, love and grace. It is my happy place. I will be forever grateful for those who have brought me through the rough times and who've also shared in my joyful times.

Many thanks go out to donations for the last TEC;
 Mendota Knights of Columbus - Grilled Pork Chops
 RO Pros - Water and Ice
 Spring Valley Supermarket - Italian bread
 Kunkel Family and Brown Family - Eggs
 Heartland Meats - Ground beef
 Batteries & Things - Heck of a good deal on flameless candles
 All those who donated time and talents helping in the kitchen and everyone who donated snacks and cookies.

Please consider helping out in the future. We need help with everything everywhere. Be on the team, wheat team, kitchen crew. We have something for you to do. Make a commitment. You won't be sorry. The benefit package here at TEC is valuable.

Peace and grace, Jill Ross

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.

Wed. April 24th, 2019-
TEC Council meeting/potluck 6:00
p.m. Regular Council Meeting Room

July 12 - July 14th-
TEC Encounter 2019, Collegeville,
Minnesota

Peterstown TEC Program
1307 Henry St.
Peru, IL 61354

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KEEP PRAYING: CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU

Pray for the upcoming TEC season.

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](https://www.peterstowntec.com.PRAYERREQUESTS).



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