

SHINING SON

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The Girls #221 TEC weekend was April 2-4. We had 8 candidates & we are praying that our new TECites had a faith filled weekend and felt the Holy Spirit touch their hearts.

Thank you to Linda Kelsey for being our Leader and to her assistants and team. All of you did a great job. The reflections on the weekend were really good. Thank you to Fr. Tom Otto from St. Patrick's Church in LaSalle for being our Priest on this weekend.

The Season of Easter lasts for 50 days until Pentecost Sunday. After Lent's forty days of preparation for Easter, it would be anticlimactic to celebrate the feast of Easter for only one day. Jesus is risen! He is alive! Holy Mother Church in her wisdom ensures that we celebrate the resurrection longer than we do the season of penance, because Easter is the most important feast in the Christian calendar, even more important than Christmas.

The Paschal Mystery, Christ's passion, death and resurrection, is central to our faith. Jesus conquered sin and death and reopened the gates of heaven, which were closed due to the original sin of Adam and Eve. Through His victory over death and our rebirth in baptism we share in everlasting life.

As we know Holy Week offers us an opportunity each year to unite ourselves more sincerely and intensely to the Passion and Resurrection of our Savior Jesus, so that his victory over death and sin gives us the promise of eternal life with him.

I hope you had a great Holy Week. He is Risen, let us rejoice & be glad! Alleluia! Alleluia!

God Bless & Happy Easter Season to everyone,
Deacon Dan O'Connor

St. John Paul II said:
"Do not abandon yourselves to despair: We are the Easter People, and Hallelujah is our song."

Lead Me Lord!

Earlier this month (April 2022), Peterstown TEC was able to offer a Girls TEC #221 overnight weekend, or the first TEC overnight since February of 2020. It took quite a bit of planning to offer a weekend during the Covid pandemic and to finally reach the point to offer an overnight weekend; we were filled with joy! A big thank you to the Core Team of Assistant Spiritual Directors, Deacon Dan O'Connor, and especially Brenda Barnickel and Carol McLachlan for revising the time schedule for this past TEC season. The next TEC season we hope to be back to the model schedule Peterstown TEC has used for many years!

Yes, Peterstown TEC does have a schedule for the next TEC season. Now, God's plan may differ and will be the better plan in the long run. I am sure we will learn HIS plan a bit at a time!

I do want to mention that Peterstown TEC Council does have several openings for "seasoned" TECites as well as younger TECites. You may be receiving a phone call in the next few weeks about filling a position on the Council for next year. Please answer or return the call or even text back in a timely manner. It would be so much appreciated. We need TECites to help behind the scenes on the TEC Council as much as we need TEC team members and candidates for a TEC Weekend. Please continue to pray for Peterstown TEC and all potential leaders and volunteers in this wonderful program!

Lead Us Lord

KITCHEN NEWS

Whatever you are doing, work at it with enthusiasm, as to the Lord and not for people, because you know that you will receive your inheritance from the Lord as the reward. Serve the Lord Christ. Colossians 3: 23-24

Thank you to all of you that contributed to the success of the last TEC.

Special thanks to our donors:

Van Keulen Family - Eggs

Vaessen Family -Subway

Water Store - Water

Mendota Knights of Columbus- Pork Chops

Linda Kelsey - Cupcakes

Sullivans - Cole slaw

Everyone who brought cookies

We could never do this without all of your prayers and support. Please consider being a part of this valuable program. Our future depends on your participation and dedication. We look forward to seeing you next season. Please contact me to volunteer for kitchen.

Blessings to you all!

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WELCOME NEW TECITES

WELCOME NEW TECITES OF TEC #221

Peterstown TEC welcomes 10 new TECites who came for the TEC #221 Girls Weekend that took place April 2-4, 2022. Welcome to the TEC Community Lena Barr, Izzy Brown, Sophie Brown, Shanaya Gri-sham, Sr. Clare Key, Emily Prokup, Kate Prokup, Lauren Prokup, Katie Zeller, and Laurie Janko Wilke. We pray that you keep the JOY and love of the Lord alive in your heart that you received on your TEC Encounter with Christ and pass the JOY onto others as you go “forth” on your faith journey.



TEC TEAM 221

We didn't have a Newsletter right before TEC #221 so we didn't get the word out about who were team members on TEC #221. Peterstown TEC would like to thank and acknowledge the several TECites who stepped up and filled out the TEC Team of #221.

Many of these team members waited for 2 years to be on this weekend. (They were originally TEC #218 when Covid shut them down after the second team meeting in 2020)

They are:

Peterstown TEC Director-Deacon Dan O'Connor

Lay Leader-Linda Kelsey

Assistant Leaders-Lauren Maggi, Rachael Sherman

Weekend Spiritual Advisor-Fr. Tom Otto

Assistant TEC Directors-Jim Hoscheid, Jyll Pozzi, Kris Klieber

Other Team Members-Carly Burke, SR. Ana Pia Cordua, Sr. Clare Key, Mary Kunkel, Steve Kunkel,

Dria Kuntz, Christine Migliorini, Gianna Rigazio, Jaidin Trone, and Lori Janko Wilke.



TEC Encounter 2022
Ora et Labora:
Balancing Work and Prayer



Hosted by IL TEC Centers
St John's Newman Center in Cham-
paign, IL

HYBRID IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL ENCOUNTER

July 15-17, 2022

The National TEC Conference holds an annual “convention” every summer, which is currently called TEC Encounter. The location of this gathering changes each year to a different state hosted by a local TEC Community. This year it will take place in our own state of Illinois hosted by the TEC Centers of the Peoria Diocese that are located in Moline, Peterstown, Peoria and Bloomington-Normal. Each of these four TEC Centers has been asked to form a “team” to take on some of the responsibilities of putting on this awesome event. On an average, in recent years, it has been attended by about 100 people in-person from about 30 different communities from different states. And others attend by taking advantage of the virtual opportunities being offered as well. The last time Illinois was asked to host was in 2009 and it took place in Peoria.

There are keynote speakers, witnesses, music, masses, breakout sessions, an agape dinner, “hoot”, silent and live auctions to raise funds for the TEC Conference, a group photo and many opportunities to have fun and mingle with TECites from other communities. More TEC memories!!!!

You must be at least 18 years old to attend in-person.
If you are under 18 years old you can attend virtually.
Peterstown offers scholarships to help offset registration costs!

Join our “team” in doing WHEAT to help
with this great event in our own “back yard”!
Contact Brenda Barnickel at 815-973-6606
or Robin Santman at 815-915-5395
or any member of the Peterstown Core Team

We will be organizing meetings soon to brainstorm ideas on how we
can carry out our commitment to LET OUR LIGHTS SHINE!!

Please pray about saying YES!!! Many hands make light work!!!

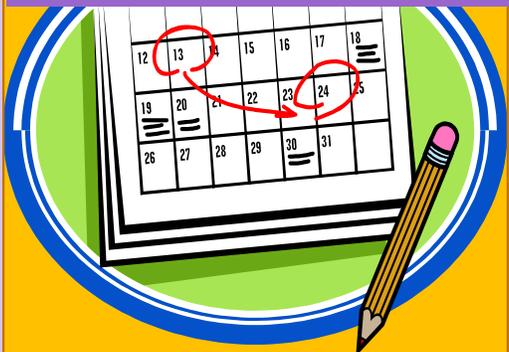
TEC Encounter 2022

Auction Items

One of the main fundraisers for the TEC Conference is the Live and Silent Auctions held at the annual TEC Encounter. Items on the Live Auction are larger value donated items, such as handmade quilts, autographed books, tickets to an event, or weekend getaways at a vacation home. Items on the Silent Auction are various items, either handmade, gift baskets filled with a variety of things, or an item(s) to represent the area where a TEC Center is located, unique to that particular state. Religious items are of course very popular too and make wonderful keepsakes.

Peterstown is looking for donated items, particularly for the Silent Auction, but if you have an idea for a larger item for the Live Auction we'd love to hear your idea. Contributing something for the auction would be an awesome way to participate and support the TEC Encounter, especially if the July dates, or the 18 yr old age requirement, aren't allowing you to attend in person. Give it prayerful thought 😊

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.

**Tuesday, May 10th-
Core Team Meeting 6:30 p.m.**

**June 24-26th-
TEC Conference Young Adult Workshop
(Chicago)**

**July 15-17th-
TEC Encounter 2022 in the Newman Cen-
ter, Champaign, Illinois**

**Tuesday, August 9th-
Core Team Meeting 6:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday, August 10th- Peterstown TEC
Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.**

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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.PRAYERREQUESTS>.



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