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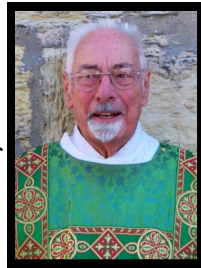
The Shining Son

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For Every Time, There is a Season

By: Deacon Vince Slomian

I think the rainy season is over and the rest of the summer is predicted to be nice. It's about time we had some change. The wet weather helped the crops and the gardens, but enough is enough.



Our world is full of changes from the physical to the emotional and spiritual. In the past few months there have been many changes that have taken place right here at Peterstown

In June, 12 men and 13 women attended a Cursillo weekend. Their lives were changed! In their 72-hour walk with Christ, they were able to learn more about their faith and grew much closer to their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Moreover, there have also been some changes in the printing business. The LaSalle News Tribune newspaper underwent changes in their format, as did The Catholic Post, newspaper for the Diocese of Peoria.

With the new TEC season upon us, the "SHINING SON" has also

received a facelift. There have been very good changes. What a wonderful new edition we have. There has been a lot of work involved in making these changes. We certainly appreciate and thank all those responsible for this work of art.

You will find that the new format will have a variety of news articles that will hopefully make it more enticing to read each month. Yes, monthly! The new format, a more professional-looking newsletter, will also be easier to read.

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Advancing with TECnology

As society moves forward in the technological world, Peterstown TEC is also moving forward with a new look to its website and newsletter, under the direction of Kim Souba and Deb Funfsinn.

Please help save TEC

some mailing expenses and register to receive the newsletter by email by contacting Kim at newsletter@peterstowntec.com.

Peterstowntec.com is also the new website. There are some pages that are password protected. To

open the pages, type in Peterstown. Let us know what you think of the new site and newsletter format.

Also, if you have any ideas for upcoming issues of the Shining Son or to put on the website email Kim.

Pass It On . . . A Note From Brenda



Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church

Have you had a vision? Ever had the feeling of excitement in seeing a vision become reality? I am experiencing that awesome feeling of excitement with the ongoing changes and improvements that are occurring in all aspects of the Peterstown TEC program.

Some of these visions have taken years, some are still in process, and some are goals to be accomplished within this next TEC Season.

However, most of these visions are not the work of just one individual. They are happening with the help and contributing ideas from other members of our TEC Community.

Communication is a key part to a strong, smooth running program. I will faithfully pass on facts and highlights. I am

asking you, a member of the TEC Community, to help "Pass It On."

We currently have two leaders in team formations for the first girls' and boys' weekends of our new TEC Season.

Have you communicated your interest in being a team member by sending in an application?

Or have you passed on your interest in doing a Wheat Team by sending in an application?

Applications are accepted year round, and are needed throughout the entire TEC Season for all our leaders to use in making their calls. The timing will be right when God makes that call!

Christ is Counting on You! Encourage a candidate to submit an application. Again, we accept these year round.

If we follow up with

someone to find that they cannot make the upcoming TEC weekend, we will keep the application on file and touch base with them for future weekends. We can't have a weekend without candidates!

By getting an application in early, additional paperwork and communication can be accomplished to best prepare and get everyone ready for the candidate's arrival.

We would love to pass on the names of candidates well before the weekend for all types of exciting and sacrificial WHEAT to grow!

Get someone excited about an Encounter with Christ!

Let's fill the Hilton and see Deacon Vince's hair go pink. Wouldn't that be a vision?!

Brenda Barnickel, Lay Director

Is God Calling You?

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We hope that you like it and will help the editors by giving them some news items to print.

It won't be long and the team of TEC 170 will be forming. Please fill

out those team applications, keep the leader in your prayers, and if you are called, remember who it is that is calling you by name.

God himself is using the leader to make those calls. It's never too early

to sign up a candidate.

Be assured of my

thoughts and prayers for you and your families this summer and always.



Meet the Newest TECites of TEC 169

On behalf of the entire TEC Community, we would like to welcome the newest TECites of TEC 169.

The weekend was held Mar. 20-22 under the direction of Leader Colleen Harmon and Assistant Leaders Diane Carlone and Mary Beth Rice.

New TECites include: Kendyl Bartoluzzi, Barb Bianchi, MacKenzie Crawford, John and Susan Ginocchio, Emma Grusk, Kylie Judd, Hannah Monroe, Alyssa Porter, Erin Rohwer, Angela Silfies, Whitney Thompson, and Ashley Young.

You continually remain in the thoughts and prayers of



all. Remember, Christ is Counting on YOU! Go 4th and Let Your Light Shine for the world to see!



The unique impression of Jesus upon mankind - whose name is not so much written as ploughed into the history of the world - is proof of the subtle virtue of this infusion. Jesus belonged to the race of prophets. He saw with open eyes the mystery of the soul. One man was true to what is in you and me. He, as I think, is the only soul in history who has appreciated the worth of man.

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

Mailing, Email Addresses

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.

To reduce printing and mailing costs, the Peterstown TEC Community is taking steps to send the majority of our publications electronically.

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 la y d i r e c t o r @ p e t e r s t o w n t e c . c o m .

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

“Hail Mary,
 full of grace.
 The Lord is
 with you.
 Blessed are you
 among women
 and blessed is
 the fruit of
 your womb,
 Jesus.
 Holy Mary,
 Mother of God.
 Pray for us
 sinners, now
 and at the
 hour of our
 death.
 Amen!”

Aug. 15: Holy Day of Obligation

For hundreds of years, Catholics observed the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 15 — celebrating Mary’s being taken bodily to Heaven after her death — but it was not until 1950 that



the Church proclaimed this teaching a dogma of the Church — one of the essential beliefs of the Catholic faith.

The Feast of the Assumption celebrates both the happy departure of Mary from this life by her natural death, and her assumption bodily into heaven.

The Assumption is a principal feast of the Blessed Virgin and a Holy Day of Obligation — one of the most important feasts of the Church year.

The idea of the assumption of Mary into heaven after her death is first expressed in narratives of the fifth and sixth centuries.

Even though these were never official, they bear witness to the very early belief in a teaching

of the Catholic Church which was not formally defined as a dogma until 50 years ago.

Though it was almost universally believed for more than a thousand years, the Bible contains no mention of the assumption of Mary into heaven.

On May 1, 1946, Pope Pius XII, asked all bishops in the world whether they thought this belief in the assumption of Mary into heaven should be defined as a proposition of faith, and whether they with their clergy and people desired the definition. Almost all the bishops replied in the affirmative.

On November 1, 1950, the Feast of All Saints, Pope Pius XII declared as a dogma revealed by God that “Mary, the immaculate perpetually Virgin Mother of God, after the completion of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into the glory of Heaven.”

We have no real knowledge of the day, year, and manner of Our Lady’s death. The dates which have been assigned to her death vary between three and fifteen years after Christ’s Ascension.

Both Jerusalem and Ephesus claim to be the

place where she died. By tradition, Mary lived at Ephesus after the death of Jesus.

Mary’s tomb was presumably found in Jerusalem. It is believed that Mary died in the presence of all the Apostles, but that after her burial, her tomb, when opened, was found empty. Therefore, they concluded that her body had been taken up (assumed) into heaven.

There is an important difference, of course, between the ascension of Jesus into Heaven after His Resurrection, and the assumption of Mary.

To ascend is to rise up under one’s own power; while to be assumed means something that is done to one.

Jesus, being the Second Person of the Trinity, had no need of assistance; whereas Mary did not have this power.

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Seasons of Life and Peterstown TEC

“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven.” Ecclesiastes 3:1

God created seasons for a reason. The four seasons of life are placed strategically to accomplish something in the bigger picture of life.

Understandably, there are those seasons that make us comfortable and there are those that do not. Naturally, we are more prone to appreciating “comfortable” seasons. However, winter always comes.

We know the discomforts that come with the winter season. In spite of its ruthlessness, winter serves a purpose in the cycle of life.

It is during this season that trees shed their leaves. It is during this season that temperatures plummet and snow falls. It is during this season that the greenness on trees that we are accustomed to makes way for a somewhat somber appearance of nature. It is during winter that some flowers die only to germinate again in renewed freshness. It is during winter that some animals hibernate only to emerge when this season expires with a renewed determination and strength to carry on with the business of life. It all seems like life has suddenly come to a standstill.

However, winter always precedes spring, the queen of

seasons. Spring signals a new beginning much like the Resurrection of Jesus Christ at Easter.

Suddenly the gloomy picture of winter dissipates in front of us, snow melts, rivers flow, birds fly freely again, trees and flowers blossom again.

So what is the significance of this to the Peterstown TEC Community, you may ask.

The analogy of seasons carries a striking parallel to our lives and the Paschal Mystery. We must die with Christ in order to rise with Him and Go 4th.

During this TEC season,

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*“Love God,
serve God:
everything
is in that.”*

**-- St. Clare of
Assisi**

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Important TEC Dates

There are always things going on within the TEC Community between council meetings, team meetings, TEC weekends, Follow-Ups and more.

Please make sure to mark your calendar so that you don't miss out on all the fun we have at the Hilton spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ.

The following are the important dates:

+ **Aug. 4:** Spiritual Core

Team Meeting at 6:30p.m.

+ **Aug. 11:** Council Meeting at 6p.m.

+ **Aug. 18:** First Team Meeting (Girls)

+ **Sept. 8:** Council Meeting at 6p.m.

+ **Sept. 18-20:** TEC 170 (Girls)

Hoot Mass Sept. 19 at 5:30p.m.

+ **Sept. 26:** Follow-up at 5:30p.m.

If you are not able to at-

tend the Hoots or volunteer and do some WHEAT over the weekends, please remember to pray for all those involved in bring the Candidates closer to Christ through their encounter with Him.

Don't forget to write Wheat notes for team meetings. It is important to let the team, in formation, know of your prayers.

Remember Christ is Counting on You, so is the TEC Community!

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Teen to **E**ncounter **C**hrist!

Seasons Change

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the Shining Son is being



resurrected with many changes. There are other

changes that we want to bring your attention to.

Such changes include cutting back on the number of newsletters that are mailed out, a new website, which can be seen at

www.peterstowntec.com, and an increase of cost for a weekend from \$40 per candidate to \$50.

What do you think, thus far? What do you like? What do you dislike? What would you like to see in future issues?

Please take a few moments to let us know by emailing newsletter@peterstowntec.com.

2010-2011 Council Members

The TEC Program is comprised of teen and adult TECites. Carol McLachlan, Kim Santman, Erica Warren, Heidi Heuser, Karen Brandner, Anna Super-Stremlau, Kris Klieber, Rich and Chris Goodbred, Kim Souba, Phil Grant, Alex Miller, Linnea Leonard, Rose Rose, Bethany Buchanan, and Tracy Knapp.

A small portion of those TECites serve on the Council, which serves to make decisions for the betterment of the program because Christ is Counting on them.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the following Council members: Deacon Vince Slomian, Brenda Barnickel,
