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PETERSTOWN TEC

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Dear TECites and families,

It's about that time to pray for the TEC #205. The team is about set to welcome the girls to encounter Christ on #205.

It is our responsibility to sign up a candidate for the weekend. The team is doing well in signing up candidates but they need your help too. The team meetings are going well and ready for the weekend.

I would like to share a story called:
"LET GO AND PREACH".

One Day St. Francis of Assisi said to one of the young monks:
"Let us go down to the town and preach!"

The novice, delighted being singled out to be the companion of Francis, obeyed with much joy. They passed through the main streets, turned down many of the byways and alleys, made their way into the suburbs, and at great length returned by a round-about way to the monastery gate. As they approached it, the younger man reminded Francis of his original intention.

"You have forgotten, Father, that we went to the town to preach!"

"My son," Francis replied, "we have preached. We were preaching while we were walking. We have been seen by many; our behavior has been closely watched; it was thus that we preached our morning sermon. It is of no use, my son, to walk anywhere to preach unless we preach everywhere as we walk."

I believe this is a good example that we should follow.

In Jesus' peace and joy,
Deacon Vince
"Keep Coming Back"

LEAD ME LORD

ROBIN SANTMAN

There are many excellent Catholic websites you may find online. While searching through my email recently and carefully reading, I discovered some very inspiring quotes belonging to a very pious young man who loved life and serving others, Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. I hope you find these quotes as inspiring as I have.

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, born in Turin, Italy in 1901, was a young man who loved the great outdoors and his Catholic faith. Born to wealth, he would annoy his father by cashing in first-class train tickets for third-class, then giving the extra to the poor. He was an average student and was known among his peers for his devotion and piety. He was also a member of the 3rd Order of St. Dominic, Apostleship of Prayer, and Saint Vincent de Paul Society, as well as being active in Italian politics.

Besides being a man devoted to frequent prayer, Frassati had a great love of the poor and never ceased helping them. In fact, it was the poor of the city who petitioned the Archbishop of Turin to begin the cause for Frassati's canonization.

To help us appreciate this man whom John Paul II called "The Man of the Beatitudes," here are ten inspiring quotes from a man who died young, but gave his all to Christ:

- 1) "The higher we go, the better we shall hear the voice of Christ."
- 2) "I urge you with all the strength of my soul to approach the Eucharist Table as often as possible. Feed on this Bread of the Angels from which you will draw the strength to fight inner struggles."
- 3) "Jesus is with me. I have nothing to fear."

4)“By drawing closer to the poor, little by little we become their confidants and counselors in the worst moments of this earthly pilgrimage. We can give them the comforting words of faith and often we succeed, not by our own merit, in putting on the right road people who have strayed without meaning to.”

5)“To live without faith, without a heritage to defend, without battling constantly for truth, is not to live but to ‘get along’; we must never just ‘get along.’”

6)“Modern society is drowning in the sorrows of human passions and it is distancing itself from every ideal of love and peace. Catholics, we and you, must bring the breath of goodness that can only spring from faith in Christ.”

7) “You ask me whether I am in good spirits. How could I not be, so long as my trust in God gives me strength. We must always be cheerful. Sadness should be banished from all Christian souls. For suffering is a far different thing from sadness, which is the worst disease of all. It is almost always caused by lack of Faith. But the purpose for which we have been created shows us the path along which we should go, perhaps strewn with many thorns, but not a sad path. Even in the midst of intense suffering it is one of joy.”

8)“God gives us health so that we may serve the sick.”

9)“Suffering that is nourished by the flame of faith becomes something beautiful, because it tempers the soul to deal with suffering.”

10)“Foolish is he who follows the pleasures of this world, because these are always fleeting and bring much pain. The only true pleasure is that which comes to us through faith.”

Frassati died in 1925 of poliomyelitis at the age of 24. Many of the poor people who Frassati helped, petitioned the Archbishop of Turin to begin the cause for canonization. The process was opened in 1932 and he was beatified on May 20, 1990. Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati's feast day is July 4th.

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Lead Us Lord

TEC TEAM 205

TEC Team #205 is listed on our Peterstown TEC website when you click on current team on the menu of the homepage. If you are not near a computer or online, here are the team members we all need to keep in our prayers as they prepare for the upcoming TEC #205 Girls Weekend.

Lay Leader: Haley Sondgeroth

Assistant Leaders: Megan Cain, Angie (Augspols) Heiser

Spiritual Leader: Fr. Jacob Rose

Peterstown TEC Director: Deacon Vince Slomian

Assistant TEC Directors: Deacon Dan O'Connor, Anita Kobilsek

Team Members: Sister Anne Germaine Picard, Madison Brown, Carly Burke, Michaela Crowe, Christian Cyr, Jamie Cyr, Cierra Espinoza, Lainey Koncor, Sadey Maly, Cara Motter, Emma Cyr, Emily Santman, and Maggie Smith

Musician: Cierra Espinoza



CHECK IT OUT-

When you visit our Peterstown TEC website (peterstowntec.com) you will discover an additional way to speed up getting a candidate application to our Executive Secretary.

The original way is clicking on Applications on the homepage, printing a candidate application, having the potential candidate fill it out, having them as well as a parent sign it, and getting the reference to fill their part out and mail it to the Peterstown Executive Secretary along with a \$10 deposit.

The new way is click on the online candidate application, fill it out online, and have the potential candidate as well as their parent sign it. Then click Submit. Then send a \$10 deposit snail mail to our Executive Secretary. In addition, have their reference fill out their part online and have them submit online.



News to share from TEC Encounter 2017



The annual international gathering, called TEC Encounter, was held this past July in Wichita, KS. The theme was “Make Me Your Instrument”. Due to schedule conflicts, TECites were unable to represent Peterstown in person this year. However, we are still able to share some highlights from that weekend because of the blessing of the first-time livestream recorded videos, which are still available to view on the new TEC Conference facebook page. There are videos of keynote speakers as well as members of the TEC Conference releasing new information; you can view them individually, or all of them continuously.

The Leadership Council has spent the past 2 years on a “Rebranding” Project and they unveiled the new logo at TEC Encounter (which is shown above). The existing logo has been used for the past 20 years, so we will be gradually updating our materials at Peterstown to reflect the new style. The TEC Conference is also working on updating their website. If you have been following the TEC Conference on the facebook group page from the 50th Anniversary, it has been archived. Please search and like the new TEC Conference page, where you will see the new logo, pictures, videos and so much more!

The Spirituality Ministry Team is doing an extensive study to update the National Manual (created in 1999) that unites all the TEC communities. The “revisoning” will be gradual by doing a section at a time over the next decade. The Peterstown Core Team will remain vigilant in keeping our Center up to date.

Heritage awards are given out at the annual TEC Encounter to those elite TECites who have given their time and talents over the years in dedication to the TEC program. One of those was received by Penny Wolf, who was our IL State Representative and Region 7 Coordinator for years. She is currently on the Spirituality Ministry Team. Executive Director, Billy O’Reagan, shared that Penny was a “model council member” because she was so close to all the TEC Centers in her area to oversee. She was persistent in keeping in touch and forging friendships at each TEC Center. Billy would love to have her train future leadership team members to do the same, if he could. There are many of us at Peterstown who are blessed with Penny’s friendship and support. We congratulate her on being a wonderful “instrument”!

TEC Encounter 2018 will be held July 13-15 in Baton Rouge, LA and hosted by TEC New Orleans. Please consider representing Peterstown (must be 18 yrs old). Until then, continue to be the best “instrument” you can be in sharing God’s love and the Good News!!



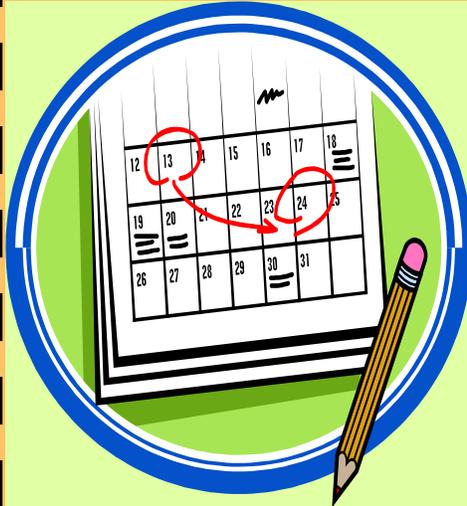
Oops! In the August 2017 newsletter, a line was left out of the article that listed the outgoing and incoming TEC Council members. Ricky Martinez is a new TEC Council Co-Chairperson for Candlelight. Emma Foley will be serving her second year of a two-year term as the other Candlelight Co-Chairperson. We are sorry this was missed.



HOOT HELP NEEDED-

Do you have a skit in mind for the upcoming Hoot? Perhaps you play a musical instrument or sing? Sharing the gift God has given you as an act of "WHEAT" during the Hoot would be great! Get together with some fellow TECites and put together a skit, sing some songs, be creative! Please contact Sam Becker (815-866-1002) or Sophia Suarez (815-915-3248) if you would like to be included in the variety show at the Hoot!

CLIP AND SAVE IMPORTANT TEC 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.

**Sept. 23-25-
Girls TEC #205 Weekend**

**Oct. 1-
Follow-Up 5:30 p.m. in the lounge**

**Oct. 4-
First TEC #206 Team Meeting 6:30 p.m.**

**Oct. 25-
TEC Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Safe Environment Session 6:30 p.m. in gym**

Nov. 1- HOLY DAY, ALL SAINT'S DAY

**First TEC #207-
Team Meeting 6:30 p.m. in gym**

**Nov. 4-6-
Boys TEC #206 Weekend**

**Nov. 12-
Follow-Up 5:30 p.m. in the lounge**

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KEEP PRAYING: CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU

Pray for the team of TEC#205 as they prepare for the girls TEC weekend to be held September 23-25.

Pray for all TECites and their families who are suffering from illness, loss of jobs, and other stressors of life. May 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**

