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THE SHINING SON

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September 2013

By: Deacon Vince Slomian



Dear TECites, friends and families,

Well, the team of TEC #185 is in the process and are very capable of accepting twenty seven girls for the weekend.

It is up to all of us to sign up a candidate for the weekend. Don't let it all fall on the team members.

On Monday of our weekend we were commissioned to go out through our Christian presence to transform a part of the world.

I would like to share with you one of St. Francis of Assisi's wise stories.

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 at being singled out to be the companion of Francis, obeyed with much joy. They passed thru 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."

Are you preaching everyday in your schools, at home, and work and everywhere you go with your friends???

Remember Christ is counting on you, to spread the Good News to all the world.

Let Your Light Shine,

Deacon Vince.

Lead Me Lord!

By: Robin Santman, Lay Director

Dear TEC family,

The season of autumn is upon us and to many it means shorter days, crisp, cool air, the scent of burning leaves, harvest time, back to school, and reuniting with friends that we missed over the summer. To the Peterstown TEC community it means a new TEC season with new opportunities to share the love of Jesus with more teens on a Teens Encounter Christ weekend!

Cindi Loebach, the Lay Leader of TEC #185 and the team that God helped her put together have had three team meetings and have only two left until the girls' TEC weekend September 21st to September 23rd. Cindi and the team have been busy building community through prayer, sharing their faith, and gathering candidates in preparation for the girls' TEC weekend.

It is not only up to the team to bring the candidates to the weekend, it is the whole TEC community that guides the teens in their lives to make a TEC weekend. Keep your eyes, ears, and most importantly your heart open for potential candidates. Then, give out those applications and make the time to check back with that applicant. Have they had the opportunity to fill it out and pass it along for a reference that is asked for?

All of us TECites have the responsibility to share the love we received on our TEC weekend and pass it on to a friend, relative, or whoever God has placed in our lives. Those people were not placed there by accident. God put them there for a reason.

I also want to remind you of wheat notes to the team and candidates. Wheat notes to the team can be e-mailed to laydirector@peterstowntec.com with a subject line of "wheat note". Wheat notes for the TEC weekend can be directed to the same e-mail address but if you want it for a specific day of the weekend, write that in the subject line too. If you don't have e-mail, send the wheat note to:

Lay Director, Peterstown TEC
Attn: Wheat
1307 Henry St.
Peru, IL 61354

It will be passed along to the right people. Don't forget you could also bake cookies or work in the kitchen on the weekend. Contact Rose at kitchen@peterstowntec.com.

In a recent Sunday audience, Pope Francis emphasized the importance of “truly living a Christian life rather than letting it become a superficial label. In the gospel Jesus tells us that to be a Christian is not to have a label but to live and testify to faith in prayer, in works of charity, in the promotion of justice, in doing good. Jesus himself is the way to a truly lived faith. Jesus tells us that there is a door to enter into the family of God. This door is Jesus.” “Everyone is invited to enter this door, to go through the door of faith, to enter into His life, and allow Jesus into their lives, so that he may transform them, renew them, and give them full and lasting joy.” “Jesus shines a light in our lives that never goes out. It is more than just a flash.” (Catholic News Agency)

Let us keep the light we received on our TEC weekends burning brightly throughout all of our “forth” days and not become just a “flash”.

Lead us, Lord!



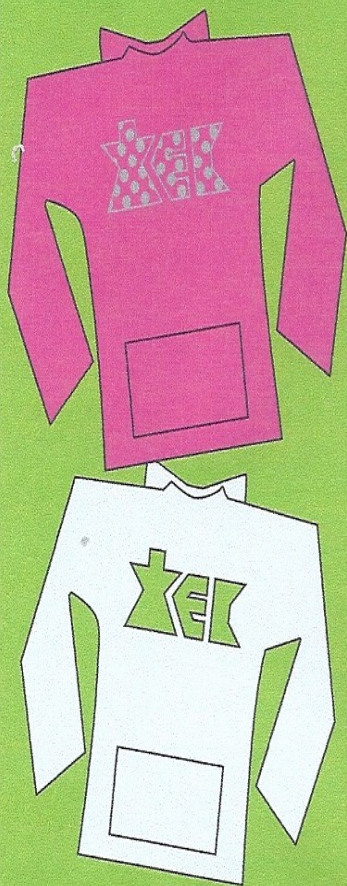
BANNER DONATION FOR TEC REBOOST

We are blessed and grateful for the support towards this additional part of our program where TECites can re-ignite their lights and keep shining outside of the regularly scheduled TEC weekends. Pictured are: Aubrie Wall (Team Selection Chairman), Brenda Barnickel (TEC Reboost Chairman and Asst Spiritual Director), Deacon Vince Slomian (Spiritual Director), Robin Santman (Lay Director) and Kim Santman (Council Chairman and Asst Spiritual Director)



2013-2014 TEC Store

**Make Sure To
Check Out New
TEC Items In
The Store.**

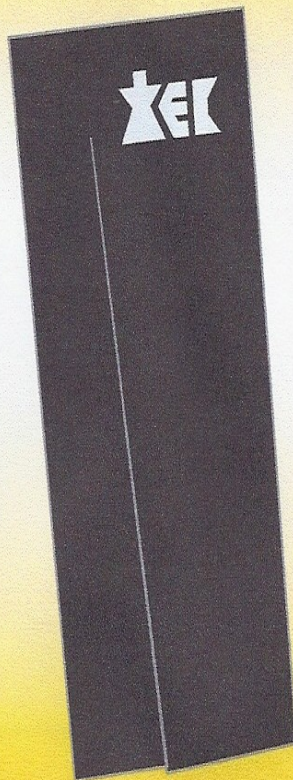


**Screen Printed
Items.**

*New neon
colors.*



**Metallic &
Animal Prints!**



**Great lower
pricing.**



**Also Check Out
The Religious Books
And Other Items In
The "Pass It On"
Section Of The
TEC Store.**

**Please Bring Any
Religious Items You
Would Like To Pass
On To Other
People Or Pick
Up Something On
Your Next Visit.**

Beautification Project by Eagle Scout

In the Fall of 2012, the St Peter and Paul church grounds, and Peterstown TEC Center, were blessed by the hard working hands of a TECite. Boy Scout Joseph Wallace, now a senior at Mendota High School, needed to accomplish a project to earn Eagle Scout status and presented the parish and TEC program with a beautification project of Mary's grotto. This consisted of cleaning up and improving the landscaping with a variety of new plants, and the addition of two marble benches. One of the seats is inscribed as a memorable acknowledgement.

Please take advantage sometime to prayerfully sit in this beautified area while you enjoy the quiet of the countryside. And if you should happen to see Joe, please give him a thankful hug!



OLD TECITE - NEW PRIEST

My name is Father Jacob Rose, I was ordained May 25 of this year which means I've been ordained for just over three months. I am the parochial vicar at Saint Michael the Archangel in Streator and Saint Patrick's in Seneca as well as the chaplain of Marquette Academy in Ottawa. Looking back on just three months of life as a priest the thing that sticks out the most to me is how the Sacraments give life. I learned that while I was growing up and through my involvement in the TEC program, but I've encountered it in a real way during my short time as a priest. Also, it's striking that it's not just one Sacrament that gives life but all of them. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation the sins of the penitent are wiped away and we're able to begin anew, with the same purity we received at our baptism. I've witnessed that when released from the burdens and bonds of sin, people are quick to have a different outlook on life and a new joy in their step. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is in fact freeing. I've also witnessed new life in the Sacrament of Marriage. While preparing young couples for the Sacrament of Marriage, there is a new excitement in life that is almost contagious. In particular though, I found the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick giving new life. In my short time as a priest, the Anointing of the Sick is part of my day at least three or four times per week. I've witnessed on several occasions visiting someone in the hospital or in their homes, and being warned that the person was "out of it" or "not responding to anything" or "can't recognize anything that is going on", but often after introducing myself as a priest there is a noticeable change. Two patients in particular grab my memory. The first was a routine home visit. I went to visit a parishioner who was on the homebound list, and the husband and daughter said, "Mom doesn't respond to much. She mostly just sits there all day". So, I told her who I was and that I was going to offer her the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. And as I was anointing her, she lifted her drooping head and winked at me. She couldn't say anything else but it was a clear acknowledgment that she knew what was happening. The other was a patient in the hospital. Before entering the room, the nurse said the woman was greatly uncomfortable and very restless. I entered the room, and began to talk with the woman. The nurse was right; the woman wasn't comfortable at all, and very restless. A few minutes went by of our conversation, and I said that I would give her the Anointing of the Sick so I proceeded with the prayers of the Sacrament. In the middle of saying the prayers, there was an evident peace that had come over the woman — she had stopped twitching and jerking out of restlessness, and she laid there peacefully praying with me. When I left, there was a complete change in the woman and her attitude. It was certainly nothing I did, as it was one of the same hospital conversations I've had with 100 other patients. But in a profound and visible way, the Sacraments brought this woman new life and peace.

It's incredible to see the Sacraments giving new life to the people I am with, but it's not just the Sacraments but all of the Christian life. If we summarized the whole of the Old and the New Testaments, I think we'd find the summary in one verse: Revelation 21:5 which says, "Behold, I make all things new". When we let Christ into our lives, in every way but especially in the Sacraments, then there will be a newness in our lives that only God's grace can give. Please continue to pray for me because you need holy priests, and know of my prayers for you because I need holy people.

God love you,

Father Rose

NEW TECITE—NEW PRIEST

“I have come that they might have life, and have it to the fullest!” – John 10:10

Just a few months ago, on May 25th, I laid prostrate on the floor of our beautiful cathedral in Peoria alongside two Peterstown TECites and very close friends (Fr. Jake Rose and Fr. Scott Potthoff) as everyone else knelt and chanted the Litany of the Saints. Just a few moments later, Bishop Jenky laid hands on my head, bestowing on me the gift of the Priesthood, that same gift which Christ gave to His Apostles at the Last Supper, and they, in turn, passed on to their successors, who have passed it down through the ages. These past 3 ½ months of priestly life have been joyful and grace-filled well beyond my expectations, and I know that this is really only the beginning of the unfolding of the life that Our Lord has created me for. There certainly have been and continue to be many new things in my life, and one that I am quite excited about is being a part of our wonderful TEC community here in the Illinois Valley. Since I have never experienced TEC myself, I am particularly looking forward to my involvement this year, especially knowing the profound impact that TEC has had on all three of my classmates (Fr. Jeremy Freehill is also a TECite from the Peoria area). The very name “TEC” gets to the core of what our faith and what our life is all about – encountering Christ. It is that daily encounter with Christ that motivates, energizes, encourages, edifies, strengthens, and fills me with His peace, His life, and His love, as I hope it does and will continue to do for each one of you. May God abundantly bless you and may our Mother Mary wrap you in her mantle! I can’t wait to meet many of you!

Fr. Tom

MILESTONES

We would like to share your milestones with the TECite community. If you would like to share news of a milestone in your life, please send the info to newsletter@peterstowntec.com. We would love to hear about your marriage, the birth of a child, an anniversary, a graduation, etc.

Clip and Save IMPORTANT TEC DATES



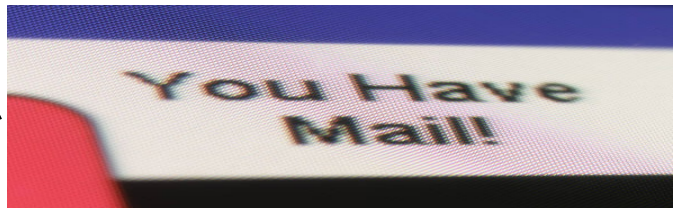
Please make sure to mark your calendar so that you don't miss out on all the fun we have at the TEC Hilton, spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ.

- + **Girls TEC #185**
September 21,22,23
- + **TEC #185 follow up**
September 29 5:30 p.m.
- + **Boys TEC #186**
November 2,3,4
- + **Girls TEC #187**
December 7,8,9
- + **Boys TEC #188**
February 22,23,24
- + **Girls TEC #189**
April 5,6,7



WHEAT

The Peterstown TEC center is in need of a more thorough cleaning than it usually gets after each TEC weekend. This year cleaning will be done on Saturday, September 14th from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and if needed noon until 6:00 p.m. on September 15th. Volunteers will not have to stay the whole time, but an hour or two would be very much appreciated! The more volunteers that show up, the faster we will be finished! Especially needed are some guys to help move furniture and sleeping beds! Bring some old rags and cleaning tools to use. If there is anyone that wants to donate some cleaning supplies or if you know you will be able to help on the 14th, let me know at - laydirector@peterstowntec.com or call me, Robin, at 815-780-8402 or 815-915-5395.



Update Us for TEChnology

To reduce printing and mailing costs, the Peterstown TEC Community has been "going green" and sending the majority of newsletter notifications through email. If you have access to email and the internet, please notify us so that we may take you off the mailing list and notify you electronically to view the newsletter on our website at www.peterstowntec.com. If you are receiving the newsletter both ways, please be kind and also notify us to help clean up our mailing list.

To stay up-to-date with all types of TEC communication, it is important that we have updated mailing and email addresses. Even though you primarily do this electronically, we would still like to know your current mailing address for our main data base. Please send your updated information to Robin Santman at laydirector@peterstowntec.com, or call home (815) 780-8402/cell (815) 915-5395.

Saving money on newsletter mailings will allow TEC to use the funds elsewhere for the "Good of the Program".

KEEP PRAYING: CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU

Pray for the team of TEC#185 as they prepare for the girls TEC weekend to be held September 21-23.

Leader– Cindi Loebach
Deacon Vince Slomain
Spiritual Leader– Fr. Tom Otto
Linda Mahnesmith
Linda Hessenberger
Sister Ann Germaine Picard
Megan Cain
Rachel Vaessen
Meg Kinsella
Dean and Carol Vandre
Brooke Carroll
Grace Kinsella
Mia Carretto
Dani Claggett
Savanna Sondergroth
Phil Grant
Anita Kobilsek

Pray for our youth to answer the Pope's invite to follow Jesus.

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**



