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for Older Adolescents and Young Adults*

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*Communities of Faith
and Follow-Through*

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TEC CONFERENCE TO HOST COMMUNITIES OF FAITH & FOLLOW THROUGH WORKSHOP, FEB. 22-24, SOUTH DAKOTA
Workshop helps TEC communities develop faith formation, ministry partnerships and outreach to Church's young people

(Rapid City, S.D.)... The TEC Conference, in conjunction with the Rapid City, S.D. Diocese, is holding its next **Communities of Faith and Follow-Through (CF&F) Workshop**, Feb. 22-24. The three-day training event, held at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Rapid City, focuses on the vital role each TEC adult faith community plays in ministering to Catholic youth and young adults before, during and after the TEC weekends.

John Livingston, TEC coordinator for the Kansas, City Kan. Archdiocese, invited the Conference to host a CF&F event in October 2006. Since that time, Livingston said "the seeds from that workshop have begun to blossom. We came away full of enthusiasm about what our TEC community could be."

Likewise, Steve Polley, youth and young adult ministry director for the Dodge City, Kan. Diocese, witnessed similar growth in their TEC program. "The CF&F gave our Dodge City TEC Center a clearer vision and purpose which helped us **identify the steps needed to build a stronger TEC ministry in our diocese,**" said Polley, who has also served as a presenter on several CF&F teams.

Through Eucharist, prayer, round table discussions and multimedia presentations, workshop participants will gain the resources to:

- more effectively minister to the young people in their diocese;
- become prayerful and discerning TEC leaders, not just doing leaders;
- build partnerships both within their diocese and with other ministries;
- and live the Gospel and Paschal Mystery spirituality more powerfully.

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In 2004, the TEC Conference Spirituality Committee developed the workshop at the request of local leaders wanting additional training. To date, eight other workshops have also been held in dioceses across the U.S.

“Communities of Faith & Follow-Through presents the complete vision of the TEC adult faith community – how it is formed and sustained, and the important role it plays in the lives of the young people TEC serves,” explained TEC Conference Executive Director Ron Reiter. **“The youth and young adults rely strongly on the adult faith community as a source of support and guidance in their journey of faith.”**

The workshop cost is \$50 per person. Space is limited, so early registration is encouraged. To sign up, download the brochure online at www.teconference.org/Cff.htm or contact Provatia Potvin, diocesan director of youth/young adult ministry, at (605) 343-3541 or ppotvin@diorc.org. For additional information, contact Gloria Maher at (701) 522-3244 or glordan@sdplainswb.com

TEC – an acronym for Teens, Troops, Twenties, To and Together Encounter Christ – is a Catholic movement of spirituality for older adolescents and young adults founded in Battle Creek, Mich. in 1965. Focusing on the Paschal Mystery, TEC helps 8,000 young people each year deepen their relationship with Christ and discern their vocation within the larger Church. TEC is affiliated with the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry; National Catholic Young Adult Ministry Association; and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops through its Episcopal Moderator Most Rev. Roger L. Schwietz, OMI, Anchorage, Alaska.

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