



TEC Spiritual Directors Workshop

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TEC SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS WORKSHOP UNITES CLERGY,
RELIGIOUS & LAY LEADERS, JUNE 25-28, ST. LOUIS, MO.

Episcopal Moderator Archbishop Roger Schwietz, OMI & Founder Fr.
Matthew Fedewa to present

St. Louis, MO, MAY 8, 2007 - The TEC Conference invites all priests, religious, deacons and laity serving as TEC spiritual directors to attend its June 25-28 workshop at LaSalle Retreat Center, Wildwood, Mo. The four-day event will outline the theology behind TEC and give participants the unique opportunity to collaborate with leaders from among TEC's 67 faith communities, active in 60 dioceses throughout North America and Europe.

The Spiritual Directors workshop features sessions by Most Rev. Roger L. Schwietz, OMI, Anchorage, Alaska; TEC Founder Rev. Matthew Fedewa, St. Paul, Minn.; TEC Manual Editor Rev. James Brown, OAR, Oxnard, Calif.; and TEC Conference Spiritual Director Sr. Jacque Schroeder, OSF, Peoria, Ill.

Archbishop Schwietz, who has served as Episcopal Moderator of TEC since 1990, believes that TEC spiritual directors are "custodians of a treasure that belongs to the entire Church. A most important quality of the TEC spiritual director is that of presence, pointing beyond the gift of self in a transparent way, toward Christ who is the true director of the weekend and of our lives," he explained.

Workshop attendees will join together for daily Eucharist, multi-media presentations, prayer and round-table discussions as they explore what it means to be a spiritual director in the TEC Movement. They will also examine TEC in light of the liturgical and sacramental life of the Church through presentations on Paschal Mystery spirituality; TEC and youth ministry; presenting Paschal Mystery to young people; and TEC as an evangelizing community.

"The workshop will be an excellent opportunity for TEC spiritual directors to renew themselves and meet others who are serving in the same capacity. Their role is of critical importance for the continued growth of each TEC community. Through TEC, each spiritual director gives youth and young adults the tools they need as they journey toward adulthood; choosing to live faithfully as members of the Church," said Sr. Schroeder.

The Spiritual Directors workshop team also includes:

- Sr. Joy Connealy, ND, Omaha, Neb., TEC spirituality committee member;
- Dorothy Gereke, Boca Raton, Fla.; TEC co-founder
- Dennis Kurtz, Winona, Minn., spirituality committee member; and
- Ronald Reiter, Festus, Mo., TEC Conference director.

The cost for the workshop is \$200 per participant. Space is limited and registration by Friday, June 15, is encouraged. To sign up, contact Reiter at (636) 933-9233 or office@TECConference.org. A workshop brochure is available online at www.TECConference.org/2007SDWorkshop.htm.

TEC, a Catholic movement of spirituality for older adolescents and young adults, was 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. The TEC Movement 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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