



God's Invitation to New Life - The Paschal Mystery Journey

By Ronald Reiter, Executive Director

Dear TEC Family,

As I celebrate Pentecost this weekend, I'm especially thankful for God's invitation to new life lived out daily through my Paschal Mystery journey.

Dying to self has become more than just the words shared on a TEC weekend, but has become a lived reality.

In the reading from Romans 8:22-27 we are invited to embrace new life. Sometimes the new life is not seen clearly, but is embraced and welcomed through faith and trust in the Holy Spirit. With the Advocate, we can hope for what we do not see and wait with endurance for the outcome.

The reading also talks about "*growing in labor pains*" and the assistance that the Holy Spirit provides in our weakest moments to point us in the right direction and to journey with us, even if the path seems treacherous and impassable.

I have certainly experienced that numerous times in my life, without knowing what lies ahead, having to make a decision based totally on trust and the proven track record of the Holy Spirit. All of us can share those stories from our own lives.

Also, aren't our TEC families constantly being called to new life, difficult decisions, challenges that come our way for no rhyme or reason? How do we approach them? Who makes the final decision, myself or God? How does the community enter into this process? How can I come up with the right answer?

The process of prayer and discernment can be a very reliable process. This process was talked about at the 2006 TEC Congress in a presentation by Billy and Sara O'Regan. Their TEC Community is now bringing forth new life because of some very dynamic local leadership and the support of the TEC Conference.

What are your needs in your TEC Community? What are some of the challenges that lie before you? Who can support us at this most difficult of times?

Please carefully read over what is happening in the Paschal Mystery journey of our TEC Family found in this

newsletter. You may be surprised that your answers lie before you; it's just a matter of trusting in the Spirit's guidance.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the TEC Congress in Wichita, Kan. August 1-3.

Yours in Christ,

Ronald Reiter

Congratulations, Fr. Matt!

Fr. Matt Fedewa, celebrates 50 years as a priest in Westphalia, Mich. on June 8, 2008. Fr. Matt's imprint on the TEC ministry started with the first weekend 43 years ago and continues to this very day. His family will be hosting a celebration to honor his significant and lasting contributions to the Church, the TEC Movement and the work of the Conference.

Spirit of TEC Awards

Does someone in your local TEC Family:

- Live out the Paschal Mystery in his or her life?
- Contribute in a significant way to TEC on a local or regional level?
- Faithfully serve our Church's young people?
- Generously share his or her love, faith and enthusiasm with others?

If so, consider nominating him or her for the **2008 Spirit of TEC Award**. Each recipient will be recognized on a special display at the 2008 Congress, receive an award certificate from the TEC Conference and have their names published in the Summer 2008 edition of the *Communicator*. Each TEC community can select up to three people for this special recognition each year. Please only submit names to the TEC Conference through your local core team, council or board.

Nomination forms went out electronically to community contacts in early March.

TEC Family Happenings!

Here's what's happening in your TEC Family! Are you involved yet?

2008 TEC Congress



A Prayer of Wheat

Aug. 1-3, 2008

SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER
Wichita, Kan.

Congress Co-Chair
David Walker

(316) 269-3928
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www.TECConference.org

Pray With The TEC Family

Has your community joined this Eucharistic Adoration prayer campaign yet?

For more information
check out:

www.TECConference.org



JOIN TEC FAMILY IN LOURDES, FRANCE FOR 2009 PILGRIMAGE



Right off the plane from Rome in November 2007, join the TEC Family for our next faith journey to Lourdes, France where the Blessed Mother appeared to St. Bernadette in the mid-1800's. We'll once again be traveling with Jim West from Catholic Trips. A trip for one will be part of the Congress auction, awarded by Jim West!

Check out the TEC Conference Web site:

www.TECConference.org in the coming months
for *more* details!



NEW TEC DVD'S— READY BY SUMMER!!

Already placed your order? We'll have them ready for you at the Congress. We'll also be taking new orders. Be sure to look for our TEC Conference Display!

2007 Spiritual Directors Workshop Series

Series price is \$200
(\$100 if your center was represented at the
Spiritual Directors workshop)

- Role of the TEC Spiritual Director (\$70, two-disc set);
- Paschal Mystery Spirituality (\$35, one disc);
- Spiritual Processes of TEC (\$70, two-discs); and
- TEC & Youth/Young Adult Ministry (\$70, two-discs).

2007 Congress Series

"Mary: Our Guide to Perfect Discipleship"

Series price is \$65, or \$25 for individual segments

- Retreat Experience (on Mary's example of prayer & discipleship);
- Forming an Adult Faith Community and TEC Community of Disciples; and
- TEC: Building Partnerships in the Larger Church.

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Aug. 15-17, 2008

**GASPER RIVER
CATHOLIC RETREAT CENTER**

Diocese of Owensboro, Ky.

Contact:

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TEC Communities Needed For New *COMMUNICATOR* Feature!

In each *TEC Communicator* issue, we would like to **spotlight** a different community. Will you be next? Has attending a Conference workshop or Congress renewed your center? Is there a strong follow-through program happening locally? Please share this information for the good of the greater TEC Family by contacting us at (636)933-9233 or office@TECConference.org.