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**New TEC Leadership Chair
Steven Polley, youth/young
adult ministry director,
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TEC LEADERSHIP COUNCIL NAMES STEVEN POLLEY AS CHAIRMAN; MAKES FIVE NEW APPOINTMENTS

Polley to lead 18-member council in guiding mission, ministry of the TEC Movement

(Festus, Mo.)... The TEC Leadership Council, a national network of TEC and diocesan leaders who assist the TEC Conference, announces six new appointments to its membership. Council members are prayerfully discerned from 14 regions and affirmed by the local TEC communities in their region. **As vital volunteers, they carry out the vision and objectives of this Catholic movement, currently active in 60 dioceses throughout North America and Europe.**

New TEC Council Chair Steven Polley, director of youth/young adult ministry for the Dodge City, Kan. Diocese, replaces Mary Kay Marzano of Milwaukee, Wis. Marzano, who served as chair from 2004-2007, remains on the council as Wisconsin state representative.

"Through my new role as chairman and second year on the TEC Leadership Team, I have gained a deeper understanding of TEC as a movement of spirituality," explained Polley, who has also served as a presenter on several TEC formation workshop teams.

The other five appointments include:

- Kathy Casey of Caledonia, Mich. as Region 6 coordinator;
- James Colby of Bloomington, Minn. as Minnesota state representative;
- Melissa Karrar of Lake Odessa, Mich. as Michigan state representative;
- Janice Kilgore of Moose Lake, Minn. to the Leadership Team; and
- Billy O'Regan (present Louisiana state representative) of Metairie, La. also to the Leadership Team.

In addition, both Karrar and Colby are new to the council for the 2007-2008 term. Members serve as state representatives, region coordinators (mirroring the U.S. Episcopal regions) and/or members of the Leadership Team.

"The TEC Movement continues to move forward in developing partnerships within

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the Church and in the formation and training of TEC leaders. Each member of the TEC Leadership Council is instrumental in this work," said TEC Conference Director Ron Reiter. "**Their input, guidance and support helps us to discern God's will for the TEC Movement** as detailed in Jeremiah 29:11, 'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you...plans to give you hope and a future.' "

Council members meet twice each year to assist the TEC Conference staff in the planning and leading of various projects, fundraisers, formation workshops and the annual TEC Congress. They also represent the ministry at local, state or regional youth ministry gatherings. These volunteers also have the opportunity for further leadership within the TEC Movement by serving on the Conference's four committees: communications, development, finance or spirituality.

For more information about the TEC Movement, contact the Conference office, headquartered in Festus, Mo. at (636) 933-9233 or office@TECConference.org. Information is also available online at www.TECConference.org.

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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