



CF&F Workshops



Communities of Faith & Follow-Through

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**AUG. 6-8, 2010
Northwest TEC
Moline, Ill.**

Cost:

\$90 - Price includes program, meals & lodging.

Registration Deadline:

July 28, 2010

Questions?

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**SEPT. 24-26, 2010
Kairos TEC
Edgerton, Wis.**

Cost:

\$100 - Price includes program, meals and lodging at Parish Center. Alternate lodging available at additional cost. Please see brochure for details.

Registration Deadline:

Sept. 9, 2010

Questions?

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Dear TEC Family By Ronald Reiter, TEC Conference Executive Director

Nearly 15,000 priests from 90 countries gathered June 11, 2010 at the Vatican for the closing Mass of the Year for Priests. Pope Benedict XVI presided over the closing celebration and prayed that the failures that created the abuse scandal could become a summons to purification for our Church and its priestly ministry. He also proclaimed the need for vocations in the Church and the need for the faithful to prayerfully support the clergy.

As active members of the TEC Ministry, we know of the importance of prayer support, and of the role of the Spiritual Director of any TEC community. By their presence and counsel, they initiate, become mentors, and discern the presence of the Spirit in the local TEC community.

We know that it is a challenge in today's world to meet all of those criteria as a Spiritual Director. So the question becomes, how can the TEC Conference and the local TEC community collaborate to answer this obvious need? Through our dialogue and support of the Spiritual Directors of TEC we'll strengthen the TEC community in its mission to the youth and young adults it serves.

The TEC Conference has held four Spiritual Directors workshops since 2001, the most recent one being June 21-24 of this year. In the course of the dialogue at the workshop two very important points came forth in the discussion. The first was the importance of the Spiritual Director being present to the young people and TEC community he serves, and second was the need for the adult community to be more deeply formed in their faith and their knowledge and understanding of the TEC ministry.

Some questions need to be asked:

1. How can we support our Spiritual Directors?
2. What do I need to do as a leader in the TEC community to deepen my knowledge of my faith and the TEC Movement?
3. What other approaches or solutions can we come up with to assist our Spiritual Directors?

Here are a few quotes from those attending the Spiritual Directors' workshop.

- "I enjoyed interacting with the other spiritual directors that were in attendance."
- "I now have an expanded vision of TEC and my role in it."
- "You were very receptive to open-ended, reflective, and problem raising questions."
- "Anytime we can get together with others of like-mind of mission and commitment we find Christ present."
- "The flow of each day of the weekend, and the explanation of its purpose was very helpful."

The TEC Conference remains committed to the ongoing formation and spiritual growth of the leaders of each TEC community. That is why the spirituality ministry team has developed four workshops to meet those needs of the Spiritual Directors and the lay leaders.

Now where is the Spirit leading each of us, each of our TEC communities, in the use of this powerful tool of evangelization?

May we open our ears to His voice.

In Christ,

Photos from the 2010 Spiritual Directors Workshop



TEC Family Happenings! Are you involved yet?

Behold the Power of Teamwork

by Mary O'Brien

The following excerpts are from "Lessons From the Geese," author unknown. **As geese flap their wings, they create an uplift for the bird following. By flying in a V formation, the whole flock adds 71% greater flying range than if any bird were to fly alone.** If we share a common direction and a sense of community, we can get where we are going more quickly and easily because we are traveling on the thrust of one another! *Sounds like the TEC Conference and TEC communities.*

Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to fly alone, and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately in front. If we have as much sense as geese, we will stay in formation with those who are headed where we want to go, and we will be willing to accept their help as well as give ours to others. *TEC Leadership and mentors.*

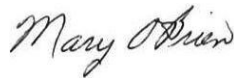
When the lead goose gets tired, it rotates back into formation and another goose flies at the point position. If we take turns doing the hard tasks and sharing leadership as with the geese, we become interdependent with one another.

The geese in formation honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed. If we "honk," we need to make sure it is positive and encouraging. *Let us continue to "pray" for each other.*

When a goose gets sick or wounded or is shot down, two geese drop out of formation and follow it down to help and protect it. They stay with it until it is able to fly again or dies. They then launch out on their own, with another formation or catch up with the flock. If we have as much sense as geese, we too will stand by each other in difficult times, as well as when we are strong. Let us all try to fly in formation and remember to drop back to help those who might need it. *TEC Family!*

I believe God and the Holy Spirit had a big part in the creation of this story. *Development is about stewardship, relationships, team building and giving of yourself to support the TEC Family! "Sowing the Fields."*

Take good care,



Spiritual Directors Corner

by Fr. James Brown, OAR

The role of the Spiritual Director of the TEC Movement is a very important one. The proper understanding of that role sets the quality of the spirituality and the effective functioning of the entire Movement. The tasks involved in this role, as set forth in the TEC Manual, almost seem on the surface call for a full-time position. And yet today, with the many tasks already demanded of priests, deacons, and religious, few if any of the TEC centers have the good fortune of having a full-time person in this role. The TEC Conference has therefore decided to offer a service to Spiritual Directors which will provide insights on how to fill this role effectively and with greater ease.

We hope first to establish a dialogue with all Spiritual Directors in the Movement. They themselves will establish the agenda for the project. They themselves will point out the areas in which they could use some fresh insights to enable them to do their work with greater ease. The response to their requests will be done through a periodic publication under the title *Insights*, which will be available both

on line and in printed form. It is hoped that the accumulation of several years of this publication will result in what might be called an "adjunct manual," a valuable tool for Spiritual Directors.

The main focus will be "How to lead and at the same time to share the responsibilities of the Spiritual Director." A veteran of over twenty years of serving as a TEC Spiritual Director will share some of the insights he gleaned for his years of service in this role. Other topics might be "How to get Priests involved in the TEC Movement--how to train them and keep them committed." Or, to suggest another, "How to do constant training of the leaders' community." The list of possible topics is almost innumerable, covering all aspects of the TEC Movement. We hope that this new service will be of help to our Spiritual Directors in the TEC Movement and make their task somewhat easier. Let us hear from you.

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SUNFLOWER TEC!

Many thanks to *Sunflower TEC* for hosting the 2010 TEC Congress. It's just a few days away!

Thanks for all your hard work and dedication!

CONGRATS!

The June winner of our Hidden game was Fr. Stan Mader of Twin Cities TEC.

Congratulations and thanks for playing!

MOVEMENTS IN THE CHURCH

Kristy Nebhan-Warren is pictured below with Dorothy Gereke and Fr. Matthew Fedewa. Her book, *Movements in the Church* will be out in 2011 and TEC will have one chapter.



TEC Family Happenings! Are you involved yet?

Nicaragua JEC #3, July 6-9, 2010 - Siuna, Nicaragua



Nicaragua JEC #3 - Fr. Wilbert Lanser sent this photo from their latest weekend. Attendance included 63 new members. Please continue to pray for Nicaragua JEC.

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These religious communities have joined our **Partners in Ministry** program and offer continual prayer support for the TEC Movement. Please contact us to have your religious community featured here and on the TEC Conference.



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