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The National TEC Conference and Leadership Council has honored two residents of the Springfield diocese with the annual Spirit of TEC award. The award is given to acknowledge exemplary commitment to Catholic youth and young adults.

This years winners came from 21 dioceses throughout the United States and included Erin Siebers, daughter of Russ and Donna Siebers and a member of the Great River TEC Community based in Quincy; and Kara Korte, member of the Springfield TEC Community based in Springfield.

Also honored this year was Bishop Victor Balke of the Crookston, Minn., diocese, and a member of the Agassiz Valley TEC Community. Bishop Balke, a priest of the Springfield diocese, has led the Crookston diocese since 1976 and is a long-time supporter of the TEC movement.

TEC (an acronym for Teens, Troops, Twenties, To and Together Encounter Christ) is a Catholic movement of spirituality for older adolescents and young adults. 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 Bishop Roger L. Schwietz, OMI, of Anchorage, Alaska.

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