



## *A Catholic Movement of Spirituality for Older Adolescents and Young Adults*

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### **TEC CONFERENCE TO HOST COMMUNITIES OF FAITH & FOLLOW THROUGH WORKSHOP, OCT. 26-28, MICHIGAN**

*Workshop helps TEC communities develop faith formation, ministry partnerships and outreach to Church's young people*

(Caledonia, Mich.)... The TEC Conference, in conjunction with Next Generation TEC, is holding its next **Communities of Faith and Follow-Through (CF&F) Workshop**, Oct. 26-28 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Caledonia, Mich. The three-day training event focuses on the vital role each TEC adult faith community plays in ministering to Catholic youth and young adults before, during and after the TEC weekends.

John Livingston, TEC coordinator for the Kansas, City Kan. Archdiocese, invited the Conference to host a CF&F event in October 2006. Since that time, Livingston said "the seeds from that workshop have begun to blossom. We came away full of enthusiasm about what our local TEC community could be."

Likewise, Steve Polley, youth and young adult ministry director for the Dodge City, Kan. Diocese, witnessed similar growth in their TEC program. "The CF&F gave our Dodge City TEC Center a clearer vision and purpose which helped us **identify the steps needed to build a stronger TEC ministry in our diocese,**" said Polley, who has also served as a presenter on several CF&F teams.

Through Eucharist, prayer, round table discussions and multimedia presentations, workshop participants will gain the resources to:

- more effectively minister to the young people in their diocese;
- become prayerful and discerning TEC leaders, not just doing leaders;
- build partnerships both within their diocese and with other ministries; and
- live the Gospel and Paschal Mystery spirituality more powerfully.

In 2004, the TEC Conference Spirituality Committee developed the workshop at the request of local leaders wanting additional training. To date, 11 other workshops have also been held in dioceses across the U.S.

"Communities of Faith & Follow-Through presents the complete vision of the TEC adult faith community – how it is formed and sustained, and the important role it

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plays in the lives of the young people TEC serves,” explained TEC Conference Director Ron Reiter. **“The youth and young adults rely strongly on the adult faith community as a source of support and guidance in their journey of faith.”**

The workshop cost is \$85 per person. To register, download the brochure online at [www.tecconference.org/Cff.htm](http://www.tecconference.org/Cff.htm) or contact Kathy Casey, TEC Region 6 Coordinator, at 616-891-0179 or [caseytoys@sbcglobal.net](mailto:caseytoys@sbcglobal.net). The deadline to register is Friday, Oct. 19.

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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