



A Catholic Movement of Spirituality for Older Adolescents and Young Adults

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*Communities of Faith
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TEC CONFERENCE TO HOST COMMUNITIES OF FAITH AND FOLLOW-THROUGH WORKSHOP, OCT. 5-7, OMAHA, NEB.

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

(Omaha, Neb.)... The TEC Conference, in conjunction with Omaha TEC, is holding its next **Communities of Faith and Follow-Through (CF&F) Workshop**, Oct. 5-7 at the Salvation Army G. Eppley Camp in Bellevue, Neb. 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.

Steve Polley, diocesan director of youth and young adult ministry in the Dodge City, Kan. Diocese, sees great value in this workshop. "Participating in the Communities of Faith & Follow-Through workshop has strengthened our Dodge City TEC Center. For example, CF&F gave our community a clearer vision and purpose which helped us take a solid look at where we are. **The workshop also 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
- 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, 10 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 plays in the lives of the young people TEC serves," explained TEC Conference Director Ron Reiter. "The **youth and young adults rely strongly on each TEC community as a source of follow-up and guidance** along their faith journey," he added.

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The workshop cost is \$115 per person. To register, download the brochure online at www.TECConference.org Cff.htm or contact Dale Kreher, TEC Nebraska state representative, at (402) 932-0447 or kreherfamily@cox.net. Registration deadline is Friday, Sept. 28.

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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