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AN ONLINE NEWSLETTER  
FOR THE WORLDWIDE TEC FAMILY

February 2011

TEC Congress  
2011



New Orleans

July 15-17, 2011

"Rejoice in the Lord always.  
I say it again,  
Rejoice!"  
Phil 5:5

## Congress Details!

### Rise, Renew, Rejoice!

Go to the **2011 TEC Congress page** on the TEC Conference Web site to download the brochure/registration form:  
[www.TECConference.org](http://www.TECConference.org)

**Date:**

July 15-17, 2011

**Registration & Deposit Deadline:**

July 1, 2011

**Cost:**

\$160 Total for double occupancy room  
\$180 Total for single occupancy room  
*more details included on brochure*

A \$50 non-refundable deposit is due with registration. Program, meals and lodging are included in the registration price.

## TEC Conference History .....

**By Mary Neurohr**

*Coordinator of the 1978 National TEC Annual Conference event; National TEC Coordinator, 1978 to 1980; National TEC Conference Executive Director, 1981 to 1983*

During 1971 to 1975, I first became involved with the TEC Movement. During that time, I was a member of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ in Ruma, Ill. and was teaching English at Gibault Catholic High School in Waterloo. I had just received my bachelor's degree in English at St. Louis University and taught eighth grade for one semester in Fairview Heights.

As a high school teacher, I began participating in TEC weekends and eventually became a member of the Belleville Diocesan TEC Board. I also served on diocesan youth ministry committees. While attending the 1977 national TEC gathering, our TEC community bid to host the following year's event.

The 1978 TEC conference, for which I served as coordinator, was a rousing success with hundreds of participants throughout the country. This conference represented a growing coalition of TEC with other national Catholic youth ministry efforts. At the event, I was elected as the National TEC Coordinator for the next two years.

Professionally, I had transitioned from a high school teacher to the English department chair at Assumption Catholic High School in East St. Louis. Therefore, I was National TEC Coordinator while I was a full time English teacher/department chair. Fortunately, I had the full cooperation and support of both the high school administration and my religious order.

From 1978 to 1980, I found myself traveling all over the country from California to New York. I met with both existing and prospective TEC centers; collaborated with other youth ministry groups; and spoke to wide variety of audiences. During my travels, I provided information; sought funds; and established youth ministry partnerships. I also helped with and keynoted at two

national TEC events: the first in Worcester, Mass. and the second in Denver, Col.

Serving the TEC Movement on the national level, I:

- Had lively conversations about the relationship of TEC within the Church's vision of "youth ministry";
- Obtained a greater understanding of the theology behind the TEC process;
- Reconnected with founders Fr. Matthew Fedewa and Dorothy Gereke;
- Saw the establishment of the National TEC Conference in Belleville in Illinois; and REC (Residents Encounter Christ) in Missouri, New York and Illinois;
- Was invited by Bishop Maurice Dingman to be the Conference executive director in 1981;
- Helped increase the training available for adult and young adult leaders within the TEC Movement.

In 1983, I left my position at the TEC Conference and became the diocesan director of youth ministry in Memphis, Tenn.

To learn more, see Mary Neurohr's complete article on the TEC Conference Web site:

[http://www.tecconference.org/Anniversaries\\_Celebrations.html](http://www.tecconference.org/Anniversaries_Celebrations.html)

then click on the article link for the PDF.



## TEC Family Happenings! Are you involved yet?

### CF&F - Austin, Texas

The **Communities of Faith and Follow-Through Workshop** will help participants reflect on the theology behind TEC and the important role the adult faith community has in the Movement. Go to the TEC Conference Web site to download the brochure and registration form:

[www.TECconference.org/  
Faith\\_Follow\\_Through.html](http://www.TECconference.org/Faith_Follow_Through.html)

**Date:** March 4-6, 2011

**Location:** Austin, Texas - St. Thomas More - Upper Room, Education Building

**Cost:** \$75 - **Registration Deadline:**

**Feb. 25, 2011**

*More details included on the brochure.*

### TEC Manual License Renewals

We still have a number of outstanding 2010 TEC manual license agreements. Please sign these and return them to the TEC Conference office. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Thank you!

[office@TECconference.org](mailto:office@TECconference.org)



### TEC Weekend Statistics

Please remember to send us the statistics from your TEC weekend! We are looking for the number of youth and young adult candidates (those between ages 17-24) and adult candidates (those over age 24) that participated on the weekend. This information helps us keep track of how many people TEC serves each year.

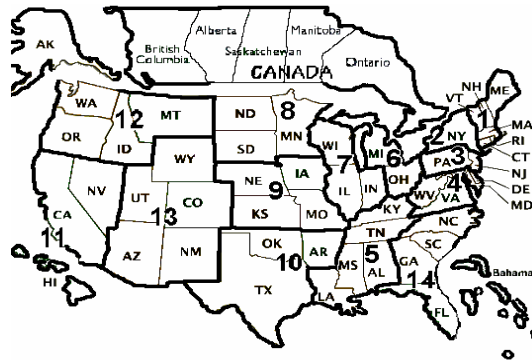
E-mail stats to: [office@TECconference.org](mailto:office@TECconference.org)

### Region Coordinator & State Rep Openings

The TEC Conference has openings for Region and State Representatives in the following areas. Please let us know if you are interested!

**State Reps:** Alaska, Colorado, Kansas, Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, and Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota and West Virginia

**Region Coord.:** Region 1, 3, 4, 6, 10, 13



### Spirit of TEC Awards

Don't forget to send your nominations in for the **2011 Spirit of TEC Awards**. Nomination forms went out via e-mail to all community contacts and spiritual directors. **Forms and photos are due back to the TEC Conference office by April 15.**

If you have any questions, please contact us!

## Happy Days of Love!



As I sit down the day after Valentine's Day and begin to write something for my February article, it occurred to me I should say something about love. I'm sure leading up to Valentine's Day millions of dollars were spent to express love for spouses, children, parents, grandparents, friends and other loved ones.

Your involvement with TEC exemplifies God's love. By serving others through this ministry, you help others encounter Christ and His love. Did you think that just maybe you and I should take some of the money we would spend on our loved ones to make a contribution to a charity that you or your loved one is involved in? Naturally, I hope you choose to give to the TEC Conference. I can share with you that my husband Bill and I have not purchased a Valentine's gift for each other for many, many years or thought about donating to the TEC Conference. But, it is never too late; we will send a donation on behalf of the LOVE we have encountered through our TEC Family. I invite you to do the same!

Love & gratitude,

*Mary Ann*

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## TEC Conference Workshops

To have your community take part in a workshop, please contact Ron Reiter at the TEC Conference office:  
Phone: 636-933-9233 - E-mail: [office@TECConference.org](mailto:office@TECConference.org)



**Communities of Faith & Follow-Through:** Empowers TEC leaders to become reflective and discerning, not just doing leaders; calls them to deeper conversion, thus building or strengthening TEC centers; moves TEC leaders and communities toward more effective ministry with the Church's young people; shares a vision for Post-TEC weekend follow-through; and fosters a collaborative relationship within and between diocese and TEC centers which are necessary to further the TEC Movement.



**Renewing the Vision of TEC:** Shares a renewed vision of TEC's spiritual processes outlined in the manual; invites deeper conversion, thus building/strengthening TEC communities; rekindles a deeper sense of commitment to Christ as a community of disciples; and fosters collaborative relationships within and between diocese and TEC centers which are necessary to further the TEC Movement.



**Spiritual Directors:** Promotes a deeper understanding of theological process of the TEC Movement through Scripture, Eucharist, doctrine and witness; explores the various roles of the TEC spiritual director, including: discernment and formation of TEC teams; mentor and spiritual leader for both adults and young people; and liaison to the bishop, clergy and religious within the diocese; and network and share ideas with other TEC spiritual directors.



**Team Formation:** Reinforces the central spirituality of the weekend, Paschal Mystery Spirituality; strengthens team preparation; increases awareness of the importance of the TEC community in giving weekends; assists in unifying and preparing a team in giving a TEC weekend; and improves in discerning the gifts of members of the TEC community for the good of all.

## TEC Conference Partners in Ministry

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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