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**“Rejoice in the Lord always.
I say it again, Rejoice!”**
~ Phil 4:4



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Paschal Mystery Spirituality calls each of us to die to whatever keeps us from Christ so we may Rise with him. Likewise, our local TEC communities are summoned to rise and celebrate the gift that we have in TEC and the ways that Christ is giving us an experience of Renewal. Seeds of hope have been scattered on the good soil of our TEC Family and this alone is reason to celebrate this renewal and to Rejoice with the Risen Lord!

**TEC:
A Catholic
Movement of
Spirituality for Older
Adolescents
& Young Adults**

TEC Conference Leadership



TEC Movement Founders:

Fr. Matthew Fedewa, Michigan +
Dorothy Gereke, Florida

Episcopal Moderator:

Bishop William Patrick Callahan, OFM Conv,
Wisconsin +

Episcopal Moderator Emeritus:

Archbishop Roger L. Schwietz OMI, Alaska +

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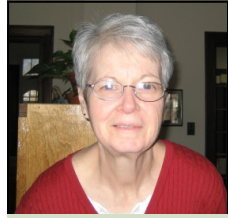
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Fr. James Brown, OAR, Spiritual Director +
Mary O'Brien, Development Assistant ~
Leisa Triplett, Admin. & Communications Assist.

Highlights of TEC Conference by Sr. Joy Connealy

Feature to be Continued by Past Leaders in Future Publications



*Sr. Joy Connealy,
former TEC Conference
Executive Director*

The mid to late 1980's were a re-commitment time to the founding spirit of TEC. Fr. Matt Fedewa and Dorothy Gereke were brought back to the TEC family and became involved in the renewing process that was happening on the national and local levels. The TEC Manual Committee was formed and it studied the founding documents of TEC and began extensive dialogue and planning for a new document that would guide the movement and unify the TEC communities.

Local TEC communities were seeing the need for training, so a variety of options was offered. The annual TEC Conventions provided vital workshops that taught the foundations of TEC and its charism. During that time the *TEC Communicator* (newsletter) became a source of education and support

for the communities. TEC staff and volunteers traveled to individual communities to provide specific training for the needs of the local TEC movements, and a series of national workshops designed to move toward the creation of a TEC Manual were the beginning of the renewal of TEC that has produced great fruit for countless young people.

The centrality of the Paschal Mystery to the TEC Movement was at the heart of our discussions and training. The core of our Catholic faith was being presented to youth in a way that made a difference in their lives and how they lived out their faith into adulthood. It was a privilege to work with the dedicated volunteers who served as board members, community leaders and young adult mentors. This time in TEC's history was like a re-awakening to the gift that TEC had to offer to the Church and her youth.

Sr. Joy Connealy

Introducing New Staff Member



*Leisa Triplett, Administrative/Communications Assistant
for the TEC Conference*

Leisa Triplett, of Arnold, Mo, recently joined the staff of TEC Conference as the new administrative/communications assistant. She has been in the administrative field for over 25 years. "I enjoy working and meeting new people," then she noted "My first day here at TEC I met so many people from all over the United States and Canada. I felt very welcome and embraced by everyone's kindness. I am happy to know there are still many people that give up much of their time and talents for helping others."

She is a member of St. David's Church in Arnold, Mo. "I love my Catholic faith. I feel there is so much richness and grace to be offered." Leisa has been a part of the Eucharistic Adoration group for nine years.

She and her husband Bob will celebrate 28 years of marriage this year. They have two sons, Terry, 25 years old and Taylor, 19 years old. She was very active for many years in Scouting with her two sons. She is an avid reader and enjoys walking and cooking.

"While I have never made a TEC retreat, I look forward to making one this Fall."

Leisa Triplett

What Is Stewardship?



Mary O'Brien, TEC Conference Dev. Assistant

Stewardship is a complete lifestyle, a life of total accountability and responsibility acknowledging God as Creator and Owner of all. Stewards as disciples of Jesus Christ see themselves as caretakers of all God's gifts. Gratitude for these gifts is expressed in prayer, worship, offering and action by eagerly sharing these gifts out of love of God and another (National Catholic Stewardship Council 1993.) Stewardship is based on the spiritual principles of the Old Testament and the teachings of Jesus; and where it has been implemented, both givers' and receivers' lives have been changed. Stewardship is a way of life, a way of thanking God for all His blessings by returning a portion of the talent, treasure and time allotted to us.

Our offering of time-talent-treasure is one way of saying: "We belong to the Lord and to one another." ~ from the Stewardship Resources, Diocese of Dodge City, Kan.

Development Report

As we close another fiscal year of the TEC Conference our finances remain much the same since the beginning 30 years ago. Yes, perhaps a larger budget, but with only a very small percent of benefactors who have partici-

pated in TEC. We continue to be very good stewards of your gifts. However, we would like to offer you more in resources so we ask for your support in prayer and monetary gifts. Our 2010-2011 Income Budget was \$152,690 but to date: we have raised only \$118,894.77.

We are currently in the midst of our Spring/Lenten appeal and we still invite and encourage you to be "almsgivers" by setting aside \$2 per day during these 40 days of Lent in response to this appeal. We are only able to carry on because of your faithful gifts of time, talent and treasure over the past 45 years of TEC! The 2010-2011 Lenten Appeal Budget was \$3,000. The total contributions to date are \$5,693.00.

I am very pleased to say that our Annual Harvest appeal went a little over the top and exceeded our budget amount of \$22,500. The total to date is \$24,332.00.

Another way of supporting the Conference is by participating at the 2011 "Rise, Renew and Rejoice" Congress July 15-17. Our TEC communities are summoned to rise and celebrate the gift that we have in TEC and the ways that Christ is giving us an experience of renewal. Seeds of hope have been scattered on the good soil of our TEC family and this alone is reason to celebrate this renewal and to Rejoice with the Risen Lord! It is a great way of becoming reacquainted with or meeting other TEC leaders for the first time. It would be wonderful to be able to say that

every TEC community was represented in sharing our 45th anniversary of TEC during the Congress gathering. However, if you are unable to attend, another way to show your support would be donating an auction item(s). Your center contact will be receiving the auction information soon.

In closing, two of many points according to *Stewardship* a national newsletter are:

- Christian stewardship takes a positive view of money. It sees money not only as a medium of exchange but also as a symbol of the person who has it. We reveal something of who we are by the way we acquire it, use it and share it.
- Jesus Christ is God's greatest gift to us. Stewardship tells us to share a portion of our time, talent and treasure so that the gift, Jesus Christ, may be given to those who do not know Him.

No doubt, the spiritual benefits outweigh all else. Properly presented, teaching about stewardship will deepen our faith and ultimately change our lives.

Please keep the work of the Conference with its many volunteers in your prayer and consider a financial gift because TEC is ultimately about changing lives through an encounter with Christ. I, along with the council and ministry teams thank God for the gift of each of you and your giving of time, talent and treasure.

Christ's peace and mine,

Mary O'Brien

Spiritual Director's Corner - by Fr. Jason Gries

"Bearer of the Mysteries of God," communicator, sacramental minister, peace maker, keeper of the flame of TEC, task master, more than a weekend reminder-er." These are just some of the hats that a spiritual director in the TEC Movement wears... and this is just during the Core Group or leadership meetings. The position of the Spiritual Director in a TEC center is many-sided and complex, especially in the midst of an already full-time position in ministry or in the work world. I understand as I'm also a pastor of two parishes and the Assistant Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Evansville. All of this and only six and a half years ordained. Many times I think that God trusts me, more than I trust me. It's not easy at times and it's then that I must remind myself, or more likely, be reminded by others that I don't do this *for* myself or *by* myself. As

daunting of a job as it might seem, the biggest thing that I have to remember is that this is a lay movement and it cannot only exist or thrive because of me. Others have to be there to be inspired, by the Spirit not me, to share and evangelize through their own encounters with the Living Christ. My tendency is to make sure it's happening by my own sheer will, but this is a Movement of the laity. The great joy though is seeing the Spirit move through those involved, especially when it is the first time they recognize that movement. It can be exhausting, but also exhilarating reminding everyone why we are here and a part of this Movement. Ultimately, it's not about the tens, or hundreds, but the one. The one person who encounters the ONE on the weekend and grows in that relationship to the point of bringing others to meet the ONE whom they've encountered. That is the joy in

the midst of the Dying, Rising and Going forth. Question: Is your Center embracing modern forms of communication, specifically Facebook? If so, how? If not, why not? Would any spiritual directors like to share their experiences in serving in that roll?



Dorothy Gereke, Fr. Jason Gries and Fr. Matt Fedewa

Ecclesiastical Authority and the TEC Movement



Fr. James Brown, OAR and Fr. Matt Fedewa

This purpose of this document is to trace the relationship between ecclesiastical authority and formation and functioning of the Teens Encounter Christ Movement.

ORIGINAL DESIGN AND FORMATION -

The original design and formation of the TEC spiritual process was done by Father Matt Fedewa, a priest of the Diocese of Lansing, Mich. At first TEC was a personal effort to fill the needs of a local High School religion class. It was offered as a substitute for the High School retreat. The first TEC was held October 9-11, 1965.

A major step was taken in the formation of TEC when Father Fedewa, at the request of the Diocesan Office of Christian Doctrine, attended the five-summer program at Loyola Institute for Pastoral Studies in Chicago, Ill. There, he came into contact with Fr. Alfonso Nebreda, SJ who was an international authority on missionary catechesis. Due to the major cultural shift of the times, it was the conviction of the leaders of the Institute that the principles of "missionary catechesis" were the best approach to communicating the Faith for youth in these times. Father Fedewa drew on these principles in designing the format and sequence of newly created spiritual process centered on the Paschal Mystery, which Vatican II had taught as the center of the Christian Faith. His document now appears in the Official TEC Manual as the "Concept Manual", which contains the catechetical principles and spiritual insights on which the TEC process is based.

As the TEC experience proved very beneficial

to the spiritual formation of youth Bishop Alexander Zaleski, the Bishop of the Lansing Diocese, placed the TEC experiment under the newly formed Diocesan Office of Religious Education. The Superintendent of Education accepted TEC well within the official diocesan structure. It was emphasized from the beginning that this "weekend" should not stand alone but be one part of the Church's effort in the faith development of youth. **In its initial foundation, therefore, TEC was under the jurisdiction of the local diocesan bishop, the Bishop of Lansing.**

SUBSEQUENT DEVELOPMENT - The success of the TEC experiment in Lansing, generated a great deal of interest among youth leaders in neighboring dioceses and prompted them to quickly adopt the format on their own. It was not perceived at the time that TEC was becoming a Movement and **no controlling agency was in place to monitor the sharing of the spiritual process.** As a result, while the surface format was adopted, the underlying principles were often not understood or considered relevant. As a result, the in depth spirituality and the conversion process of the original was overlooked in many of the local models.

What happen to TEC paralleled what happened to the new liturgy at the time. As Pope John Paul II pointed out in his Encyclical Letter, On The Eucharist: "It must be lamented that, especially in the years following the post-conciliar liturgical reform, as a result of a misguided sense of creativity and adaptation there have been a number of abuses which were the source of suffering for many,"

Between 1970 and 1978, the TEC Movement functioned out of the Offices of Religious Education of each individual diocese, without any central agency or structure to monitor its quality or its authenticity. From 1972 on, annual conventions were held to which those dioceses participating in the Movement were invited. In 1976 Bob Howe, of Des Moines, Iowa, was chosen as the coordinator of these gatherings. Also in 1976, "A Vision of Youth Ministry" was published by the US Catholic Conference. As a result, a sensed need was felt among TEC leaders for a clearer understanding of the original spiritual insights and the conversion process involved in the TEC Model.

REVITALIZATION - The revitalization and unification of the Movement started in 1976, when Bishop Maurice Dingman of Des Moines, Iowa, was invited by the core group of leaders to be the first Episcopal Moderator of what was becoming the TEC Movement.

Under his guidance, the core leaders, who were well trained in catechesis and who recognized the value of the TEC experience, established the National TEC Conference as the official agency responsible for the TEC Movement. In 1978, Sister Mary Neurohr became the first Coordinator and in 1979 Greg Schwietz became the president of the Conference.

To establish unity and authenticity, Bishop Dingman not only presided over the internal functioning of the Conference, he also served as liaison with the bishops who had TEC in their diocese. It became a rule of the Conference that TEC cannot be established or function in any diocese without the written permission of the local Bishop. A Manual's Committee was established to provide a official norm governing the authenticity and use of the TEC spiritual process.

As the research was carried on through a number of years, the Manual Committee offered workshops on the completed sections of the material, thus gradually restoring the original focus to the TEC spiritual process. **The first edition of the completed Manual was adopted as the Official Manual of the TEC Conference on June 8, 1997.** A copy of this first edition was presented to the Holy Father, John Paul II, in Rome on Pentecost Sunday, May 31, 1998. The second edition of the Official TEC Manual was copyrighted by TEC Conference on June 8 2004. The term TEC, as a trademark, is also copyrighted. The Official TEC Manual bears the Imprimatur of Archbishop Elden Francis Curtiss, Archdiocese of Omaha, July 8, 2004. At the request of the Holy See, five copies of the Manual were sent to Rome through the Apostolic Delegation in Washington, D.C.

The TEC Movement has been blessed through the years with Bishop Moderators who not only maintained a close supervision of the functioning of the Movement but who have actively taken part in shaping the Manual and implementing its use. Notably among them was Archbishop Roger Schwietz, OMI, the current Archbishop of Anchorage, who for nearly twenty years not only served as Episcopal Moderator but played a major role in the writing and implementation of the Official Manual. He also, together with Bishop Blaze J. Cupich, STD, served on teams for the Spiritual Director's Workshops.

Episcopal Moderators:

Bishop Maurice Dingman – 1976-1981
Bishop Stanley Schlarmann – 1981-1984
Bishop Paul Dudley – 1985-1988

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Spotlight Community - Southwestern Indiana TEC



Spiritual Directors: Fr. Alex Zenthoefer, Fr. Jason Gries, and Lay Director Andrew Foster. TEC # 74

Celebrating an Easter Resurrection, through Teens Encountering Christ, every day... Our culture and way of life have created a very fast paced environment. This leaves us with little time to reflect upon the true source of our very lives. "You have made us for yourself Lord, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you." These words from St. Augustine provide a great understanding of how to manage life in a sometimes disordered world. God calls us to do different things at different times, and in unexpected places. If we follow, we just might find a spiritual treasure.

I was invited by a friend to attend a TEC weekend as an adult observer three years ago. My life is richer for having experienced the wisdom and reverence of these young people and their faith journey. Our busy lives can make us restless, but when we stop all the commotion to take time for God; we really can find rest in Him. Sharing the traditions of the Catholic Faith during the weekend with this community of believers is very inspiring. Our Church is very much alive with spirit filled young people and wonderful adult role models, because of the TEC Movement.

The current TEC Conference Executive Director, Ron Reiter, encourages all TEC communities to rise and celebrate the gift that we have in TEC and the ways that Christ is giving us an experience of renewal. Over four decades, hundreds of thousands of young people from multiple continents have encountered Christ since that first TEC in 1965.

TEC in the Evansville Diocese of Southwest Indiana, also known as SWITEC, is sponsored by the office of Youth and Young Adults, YAYA, with Steve Dabrowski as the liaison to the Bishop. Southwest Indiana TEC weekends are usually held at St. Mary's Parish in Ireland, Ind. A Core Team meets once a month with committees to discuss: team selection, follow up events, communication, the

application process, and our future goals. We are currently working on ways to increase the number of TECites that make the weekends. At this time we plan three weekends a year, one each in February, July, and November. We would like to offer a fourth TEC weekend in the future. Increasing youth participation for each weekend is another important goal of the Core Team. We continue to plan more follow-up events for the TEC community, and want to involve the Paschal Mystery more in our events.

This year, 2011, SWITEC celebrates its 20th year. Everyone that has made or worked a Southwestern Indiana TEC from 1991-2011 is invited to this Anniversary Celebration. We will celebrate Mass on Sunday, April 10, 2011, with Bishop Gerald Gettelfinger; in St. Benedict's Cathedral, at 3:00 p.m. CST. A reception will follow from 4-6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria, honoring special guests. We are excited to highlight members from the very first TEC in the Evansville Diocese, as well as Ron Reiter, from the TEC Conference Office. During the weekend of July 30-August 1, 2011, we will be hosting our 77th TEC Weekend at St. Mary's in Ireland, Ind. Please check the Web site at: www.switec.org for application and information.

Fr. Jason Gries is the Chaplain for SWITEC. He commented, "It is incredible to be celebrating 20 years of TEC involvement in our diocese. Over this time period, many young people, and even some of the more "experienced" adults, have come together for God and His Church. Something is ignited in them during this weekend. For some it may not be felt for a long time, yet through it all,



The SWITEC Wheat Team took advantage of the setting at St. Mary's Church in Ireland, Indiana by planning the "Agape Meal" in an Irish theme with Irish food... complete with bag piper...

the experience has an impact on people's lives. I believe one of the most significant truths about the TEC Movement is the opportunity it fosters in vocations to priesthood, religious life, consecrated single life, nurturing better marriages and families, and at the same time, strengthening the life of the entire Catholic Church."

The Teens Encounter Christ weekend is a voluntary experience and the freedom to participate is what strengthens the community. I would encourage more people to take advantage of this faith based experience. The strength and future of the Catholic Church depends on the guidance and knowledge we provide for our youth. It is an opportunity to truly witness that in our restless world... All we need, we find in God. A real spiritual treasure!

Zoe Cannon, Sacred Heart Vincennes



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Bishop Lawrence Welch – 1989-1990
Archbishop Roger Schwietz – 1990-2009
Bishop William Callahan – 2009-Present

The following is a brief statement of the relationship between the TEC Conference and the Church.

The Episcopal Moderator presides over the internal functioning of the TEC Conference and also serves as liaison with the Bishops. The written permission of the local Bishop is required before TEC may be established in a Diocese.

The TEC Conference is legally incorporated. Communities may not use the TEC trademark or the TEC spiritual process as described in the Official TEC Manual without authorization by the TEC Conference. Unfortunately some TEC communities predate the establishment of the TEC Conference. The Conference has no way of forcing them to belong. Currently, two communities operate outside the Conference and five or six do not follow the Official Manual.

Control over the functioning and authenticity of TEC in the Dioceses is maintained by the Conference through licensing and through copyright. Approval of new communities is not granted before a training session on the Manual is conducted by the Conference. From time to time, monitoring of local communities may be conducted by the TEC Conference.

By Fr. James Brown, OAR

TAP - Coming Soon!

Two Year Pilot of the TAP (TEC Ambassador Program) Retreat Follow-Up Process for Interested TEC Communities

The TEC Conference will have TAP retreat workshops available beginning around May 1, 2011. Information to be coming soon on the TEC Conference Web site: www.TECConference.org

TAP Retreats Process:

Please contact the TEC Conference office at 636-933-9233 or at office@TECConference.org; Discussion with the interested TEC community about their interest in hosting one; Place TEC community in contact with TAP Coordinator; Selection of a date, and location for upcoming TAP Retreat – Conference staff notified; TAP Coordinator and local TEC center selects the team members for the event; Material shipped (if necessary) with invoice to host TEC community; TAP Retreat held; Host TEC community responsibilities are completed.

Host TEC Center Responsibilities:

Pay all necessary fees for hosting the TAP Retreat; Send roster of participants and Team to TEC Conference office and TAP Coordinator; Send evaluations of participants and team to TEC Conference office and TAP Coordinator; Do a one year update of the impact the TAP Retreat has had on the local community.

TAP Retreat Cost Breakdown:

TAP Coordinator stipend; Cover all transportation costs; Cover the cost of preparing, printing and shipping of TAP Retreat material; and any miscellaneous costs not mentioned above.

2011 Spirit of TEC Awards!

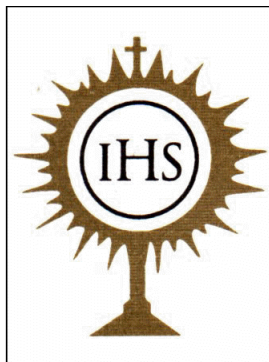
The Spirit of TEC nomination forms were e-mailed to TEC center contacts in early January and February and completed forms needed to be turned in to the TEC Conference office by **April 15, 2011**. Did you get your forms in yet? If not, please contact the TEC Conference office: office@TECConference.org

The **Spirit of TEC Award** was established in 1990 to honor an individual's dedication and service to TEC on a local or regional level. Since 1990, over 721 members of our TEC Family have been recognized with this annual award. Each TEC community is invited to submit the name(s) of up to three individuals for Spirit of TEC; with *married couples counting as two individuals*. The selection process for these recipients is to be established by the local TEC core team, council or board.

The **Spirit of TEC Award** is given to a person who: *Lives out the Paschal Mystery in his or her life; has contributed to TEC in a significant way on a local or regional level; is committed to serving the Church and its youth and young adults; and generously shares his or her love, faith and enthusiasm with others.*

Recipients will receive a certificate from the TEC Conference, be included on a special display and be announced at the 2011 TEC Congress; be recognized in the summer 2011 *Communicator*; and have their name submitted for publication to their diocesan newspaper.

Eucharistic Adoration



The TEC Conference invites each of its faith communities to pray together before the Blessed Sacrament one day each month as part of "TEC Family adoration." TEC Family adoration can easily fit into an existing Eucharistic adoration time at a local parish or with a religious community. Our end goal is to have at least one TEC community praying before the Blessed Sacrament each day of the month. We would ask that each TEC community let the Conference know when they are praying so we can inform other groups who may want to join them in prayer. For more information, check out:

www.TECConference.org/Adoration.html

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Please remember to pray for the following intentions:

- The TEC Movement in the U.S. and abroad.
- The teams and candidates of upcoming weekends locally and around the world.
- That the Holy Spirit will continue to use TEC to further the Kingdom of God on earth.
- The financial stability of the TEC Conference.

While He was with them at table, He took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them.

With that their eyes were opened and they recognized Him"

~ Luke 24: 30-31

TEC Family News & Events

DID you know? Best Practices

The "Best Practices" concept came from the 2007 TEC Congress.

It is in its infancy to be sure, but we are

Those communities that are **affiliated with the TEC Conference** can call or e-mail the TEC Conference for the username and password.

If you have an **idea, practice, form, schedule or other items** of general interest, you are invited to send it to bestpractices@TECConference.org

Credit will be given to the communities that send in their ideas and practices for publication on our site.

It may from time to time be necessary to have documents reviewed by the **Spirituality Ministry team** if there is any conflict with the TEC Manual.



www.TECConference.org

click on the **Best Practices** link to be directed to these ideas!

up and running!

There are several ideas that are

now available

on the TEC Web site. More to come!

TEC WEEKENDS



HOW do you do this? **HOW** do you handle that?
HOW do you present the Stations of the Cross?
WHAT do you do for icebreakers?
HOW do you select your team?

Address Request

Did you know? Newsletters are not forwarded. The *Communicator* is mailed in bulk and cannot be forwarded. Non-deliverable newsletters are returned to us for a \$0.44 charge. Therefore, it is very important to have correct addresses on file to reduce costs. If you plan to move or have had a change of address, please send it to office@TECConference.org or call 636-933-9233. Also, please consider receiving an electronic version of our newsletters. Just send in your e-mail address!

TEC Conference Directory

The TEC Conference directory is a valuable resource! We are currently updating this directory for 2011. If your TEC community contact or spiritual director has changed please let us know. If you've had and change to your address, phone, fax or e-mail address, please let us know. We are also collecting TEC weekend dates for 2011. All contacts in the directory will receive an updated electronic copy in January. Thanks for your assistance!

Community Anniversaries

The following TEC communities will celebrate anniversaries in 2011.

Congratulations and blessings for many years to come!

- 5 years: Spirit of St. Louis
- 10 years: Tulsa, Full Circle, Big Sky, Sunflower
- 15 years: Divine Mercy, Atlanta, Omaha Rural
- 20 years: Southwest Indiana
- 30 years: TEC Conference, Bloomington-Normal
- 35 years: Western Kentucky, Agassiz Valley, Peterstown, Omaha
- 40 years: Great River

Partners In Ministry

These religious communities have joined our **Partners in Ministry** program and offer continual prayer support for the TEC Movement. To have your religious community featured here and on the TEC Conference Web site, please the TEC Conference office.



Sisters of Bon Secours

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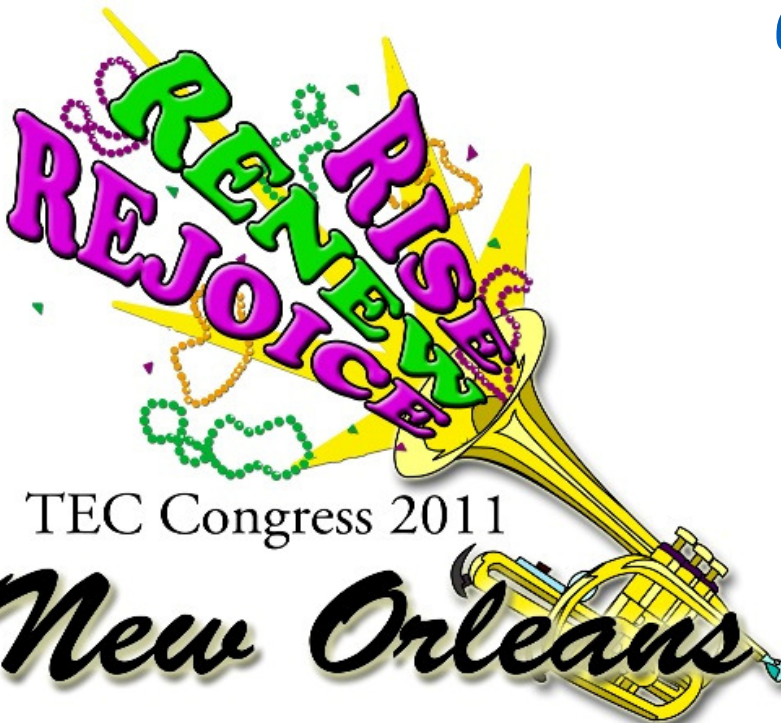
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