



ROCKY MOUNTAIN TEC

THE FOURTH DAY NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2006

Wheat Letters! Wheat Letters!

We need your wheat letters by midnight Wednesday, October 18th! We need general letters that will be read aloud during the weekend and individual wheat letters for the team and candidates!

Email letters to : wheat@rockymountaintec.net or bring them with you to the kick-off.

For individual letters: Personal encouragement and sharing of how your TEC weekends have touched you and helped you grow in your walk with Jesus. Include your favorite scripture passages. Tell them what kind of personal sacrifice you are making for them. (aka. your "wheat") Remember wheat letters are delivered on Die Day, and first-timers have no idea they are coming, so don't ruin the surprise!!!

For community letters:

Pick a day and stick to the theme. Tell the weekend how you felt on your first TEC weekend. Encourage them and ask them to trust the team. Share your favorite scriptures with the team. Let them know what sacrifices, your wheat, you are doing for the weekend. Sign off with your name and the TEC weekends you've been on.

Lastly, try to keep the wheat letter short, remember these letters will be read out loud, and they will be reading more than one at a time. Remember a single idea delivered quickly and concisely will have more meaning with the team.

TEC 116 is here!

Please mark your calendars and come out in support of TEC 116 October 19-22, 2006! Remember to pray for the Team and Candidates

Directors For TEC #116

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WE NEED YOU, the greater community, to show the 116 participants the love of Christ by your presence at the Kick-off and Hoot! Let's make it the biggest crowd of folks ever! Really ... no excuses! Come sing, pray and socialize with us!

Kick-off: Thursday night, October 18th - 7:00 pm at St. Thomas More Catacombs. Look for the signs at the east entrance showing the location of the Kick-off.

Pass It On!

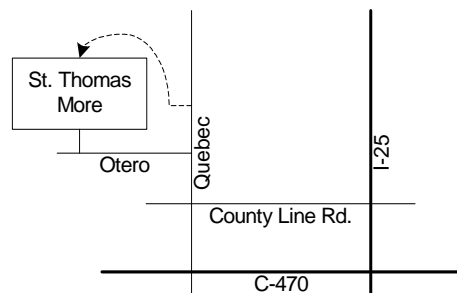
Remember the incredible experience you had on your TEC weekend? And it just keeps getting better with each TEC weekend you make! We need your help in bringing others to the Christ-encounter you so powerfully experienced on your TEC weekend! You can do this by:

- Actively recruiting a least one or two people (young or old) to attend the upcoming TECs!
- Applying to be on Team for an upcoming TEC! We need an application if you are interested in being on team.
- Talking about TEC with your family, friends, church groups, youth minister, and pastor!

Hoot: Saturday night, October 20th – Mass will be available at St. Thomas More Church at 5:30 pm.

Arrival for Hoot is no later than 6:45 pm (if you can't attend Mass). Hoot begins around 7:00 pm in the gym.

See you there!



All the necessary applications can be downloaded and printed from our website at: www.rockymountaintec.net.

Don't forget that you can also make a difference on each weekend by sending wheat letters, coming to the kickoffs, and attending the Hoots.

Come on! God has blessed us with His Love, so let's pass it on!

Help us Plan Our New Website!!

Change is always difficult, which is why God never lets stay where we are. He loves us all right where we are, but he's always working to make us better.

The TEC website serves the community by providing us with a forum to communicate, keep in touch, see what's happening, and connect across the world. The website has served us well, and we love what it does for us right now.

However, the website also has a lot of potential to become more than it is today, and as such we are asking for your help. Over the next few months we are going to be changing the look and feel of the website, and we need your suggestions.

What would do you think works, what do you think needs to go away, and what features would you like to see the new generation of website have?

Let us know by e-mailing your suggestions to webmaster@rockymountaintec.net

We will take those suggestions, and combine them with the ideas we have come up with and we will try to build a community forum that is pleasing, easy to use, and has the features the greater community is looking for.

Thank you, and God Bless

Sean Roe
RM-TEC Webmaster



From the directors of TEC 115...

Dear RM-TEC

This last summer once again provided an incredible opportunity to encounter a loving, forgiving Jesus! We are very thankful that God reached down into our humble and sometimes “deaf” hearts to touch us with His presence. I was very moved by the way He worked in and through each and every person, from team to participant, Core Team to weekend support, and the support of our larger community. As always, God does not disappoint, but graciously embraces us in each TEC weekend. TEC 115 was of course another such encounter. As you know, we held this TEC at Regis High School, and were warmly welcomed by that community! Carol Mendlik and the Jesuit community literally bent over backwards to help make this “the best TEC yet.” But a new location means extra effort and flexibility, so I want to acknowledge and thank the many, many people who sacrificed so much, and worked so hard!

This also was the first TEC for our Spiritual Director, but Fr. Bob Stais rose to the occasion with a youthful chorus of “What a friend we have in Jesus!” And really that’s what it’s all about: friendship – with Jesus, our Church, and one another. For that we give Thanks!

Jim and Kristie Becker
Lay Directors, TEC 115

Welcome TEC 115!

Jim Becker
Kristie Becker
Fr. Bob Staes O.P.
Matt Archer
Mary Ann Mahoney
Sean Roe
Tanja Tombaugh
Arnie Dowd
Bridgett McCaffrey
Kimberly Kendrick
Emily White
Toni Gallegos
Nick Lederhos

Carole Engler
Greg Splitt
Sandy White
Matt Bigelow
Laura Zapapas
Nicole Garafalo
Sean Goldberger
Brittany Lane
Margaret Linn
Chelsia Peterson
Sarah Shinnors
Amanda Dudley
Maggie Garafalo

Rick Gallegos
Jaclyn Greenwood
Andrew Innins
Alyssa Jackson
Hallie Jefferson
Krissy Jensen
Mage Kissack
Kristi Klepsa
Emily Morgan
Hannah Sheehan
Amy Shinnors
Jenna Wilson



It's a Martha World : by Tim McCann

As autumn starts to take hold in our neck of the woods, I've found myself with less and less hours of daylight to get done the things that need doing. I find myself busy with having to get refocused back to the 'school schedule' after the 'lazy days of summer'. OK, so I haven't really been in school for a while, but you probably know what I mean. You get home in the evening and it's getting darker and darker sooner and sooner. Things that used to be leisurely are being replaced with an activity or an assignment that was due yesterday. There is simply just not as many hours in the day as there was last week – or even last year – or so it seems. So what is a good Christian supposed to do?

Well, all too often I find myself signing up to help out with something new that needs to be done. Help with a Confirmation class? Sure why not. Need help with a home improvement project? Can do. Work a retreat? Absolutely. Meet for dinner? Sure, I don't see why not. Can do. Can do. Can do. It's enough to drive you more insane than you have any right to be. Sure, it's not like I'm going out and doing wrong – at least I don't think I am. But is it enough to just do good things?

We are told in the gospels of two sisters – close friends of Jesus – named Martha and Mary. Martha would have been right at home here in the early part of the 21st century. Clean the house. Check on the food. She spent her time doing what needed to be done. Trying to be the perfect hostess, she worked herself silly trying to do for others. Her sister on the other hand, decided that it was more important to spend time with Jesus. The work could wait – Jesus was there and He wanted to speak with her.

In today's environment, which do you find yourself doing? Are you so busy that you fail to see Jesus in your own home? In the midst of everything that "has to be done", do you make time for talking with God? Have you ever justified putting God on hold so that you can do something for Him?

It can be very easy to run off and do what you think He wants you to do – and forget to bring Him along. We each need to take extra time out of our day – especially when we get busy and overwhelmed – to double check and make sure that we are doing what He wants us to do and not we *think* He wants us to do. It's a Martha world, and as Christians we need to make sure that the Mary part of us has the chance to stop and listen and focus our work – so our work can be filled with God's love and we don't end up running around like a clanging cymbal making a lot of useless noise.

Wheat that doesn't work:

by Mary Ann Mahoney

1. Praying like the apostles in the garden of Gethsemane. (ZZZZZZZ)
2. Feasting on steak and chocolate.
3. Putting soft inserts in your shoes.
4. Blasting the music on your radio in your car.
5. Reading People magazine for one hour a day.
6. Drinking extra pop and coffee for the duration of the weekend.
7. Sleeping in.
8. Attending daily movies.
9. Reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.
10. Watching TV for an extra 4 hours a day.

Do some wheat that makes a difference!

Upcoming Weekends!

<u>TEC #117</u>	<u>TEC #118</u>	<u>TEC #119</u>
March 9 -11	TBD*	TBD*

*Due to fluctuating construction plans at St. Thomas More, we are still trying to plan the 2007 retreat schedule.

Generous Hearts

What makes our TEC community run?

Generous Hearts inspired by God's love. There are lots of different ways to view how people contribute to Rocky Mountain TEC. There are people who give generously of their time while others give generously of their talents. Sometimes a group comes together and works hard for no recognition or reward while other times a group gives financial support to help meet some of the expenses that the community has. Groups donate anonymously at times and at other times are deserving of some form of acknowledgment.

The TEC community would like to thank both Church of the Risen Christ and a bowling league that TEC's own James Mohan is involved with for donating generously to our community.

For those of you who continue to contribute in your own special way – anonymously or not – we thank you so much for your support. TEC could not function without each and every one of you – no matter the size and scope of your contribution. May your hearts continue to be filled with God's love and may you share it however God is leading you.



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