



The Fourth Day Newsletter

March 2007

RM TEC #117 is here!

Wheat Letters

We need your wheat letters by midnight, Thursday March 9th!
We need general letters that will be read aloud as well as individual wheat letters!

Email letters to:

Kim Kendrick at
kimmy80014@hotmail.com **OR**
Carole Engler at
cymcarole@hotmail.com **OR**
bring them with you to the kickoff.

What do you put in the letter?

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 wheat you are doing for them. Remember, they receive these letters on Die Day, so if it's their first TEC, don't give away any surprises!

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



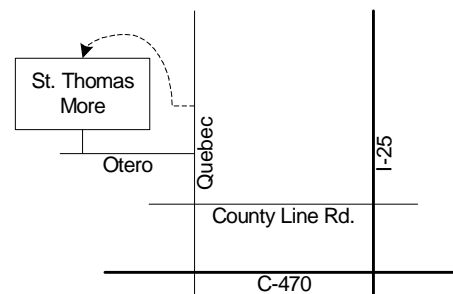
Please mark your calendars and come out in support of TEC 117 March 9-11, 2007!

Kick-off: Thursday night, March 8th - 7:00pm at St. Thomas More Catacombs. Look for the signs at the east entrance showing the location of the Kick-off.

Hoot: Saturday night, March 10th. Mass will be at the St. Thomas More Church at 5:30 pm. All are welcome to join the parish mass.

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!



Do you know someone who should experience TEC?

Tell at least one or two people (young or old) to attend upcoming TEC weekends! All the necessary applications can be downloaded and printed from our website at:

<http://www.rockymountaintec.net>

TEAM for TEC 117

Come and support us at the Kick-off, Hoot, and write wheat letters!

Lay Director:

Bernadette Herrera

Asst. Lay Director:

Al Zuber

Spiritual Director:

Fr. John Paul Leyba

Asst. Spiritual Director:

Dcn. Steve Stemper

Music Director:

Ed Herrera

Resources:

Carla Bieker
Jean Finegan
Chris Lang
Celina Pinedo
Adam Pippin
Cassie Thurston
John Wirtz
Pam Zajac

Wheat Directors:

Sean Roe
Carole Engler

Wheaties:

Maria Castillo
Amanda Dudley
Patrick Finegan
Kim Jaster
Emily Morgan
Adam Smyth
Stacy Vasquez

Emergency Contact Number:

Contact Tim McCann
at 720-989-4981

Weekend Support

Please volunteer during the TEC weekends if you are not on team!

For Kitchen Crew contact Lisa Venette at 720-629-2928 or email: venette9@hotmail.com

For set up, clean up and Hoot contact Angie McCann at 303-678-1908 or email: tecsprout@hotmail.com



Rocky Mountain TEC turns 30!

Did you realize that Rocky Mountain TEC #1 took place in 1977? We're working on a celebration for later this year. Keep an eye out for further details.

National TEC Conference Opportunities

Are you interesting in learning more about the TEC program and how we can help grow it here in Colorado? We are looking for volunteers who are interested in attending training sponsored by the National TEC conference or attending a gathering of many TEC communities from around the country. If you are interested, please contact Tim McCann at timmccannjr@hotmail.com.

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A Letter from Tim



"Get over it. It's not about you."

Has anyone ever told you this? Have you ever read it and thought that it applied to someone else?

I've been doing a lot of reflecting on things so far this Lenten season and this thought/idea has come up again and again. It is difficult to get through the day without doing things for yourself - 20, 30, or 580 times. What do I want to eat? What do I want to watch? What do I want to buy? What do I want to give up for Lent? Me. Me. Me.

It's not about me.

I want to watch a movie, but a friend needs someone to listen.

It's not about me.

I want God to take care of this crisis to make my life easier.

It's not about me.

I want to do what I want – and I want it now – because it feels good, because everyone says it is OK, or simply because I don't have any better reason. But then again...

It's not about me.

Abraham Lincoln was once asked how he prayed to God in regards to his role in the Civil War. "Do you pray that the Union armies would win?" His response was that he prayed that he would do what God wanted Him to do. It was not about

him – and he was the President.

So if it is not about me, then who is it about? Is it about my family? My friends? Or is it something bigger?

Jesus didn't say "Do unto yourself." He said, "Do unto others, as I have done to you." Maybe it is about being Jesus for everyone you meet. It's not as easy as it sounds. It is in our nature to take care of Numero Uno.

And yet, we are called by our Baptism to be priest, prophet, and king. As priest, we have to be holy and help others to be holy. As prophet, we have to proclaim love and tell others the source of our love – God. As king, we have to take care of and protect others – especially those who can not help themselves.

Nowhere in those requirements does it say to better one's self or to lift oneself up in God's eyes or the eyes of others. That's not the goal.

It's not about me.

But when we take care of others and put our needs last aren't we all better and lifted up in God's eyes – which **is** what it is all about.

May God bless you all.

Tim McCann
Rocky Mountain TEC Core Team

Welcome RM TEC 116!!!



A Letter from the director

What an incredible experience TEC 116 was. The team was eager to start the weekend starting at the very first meeting. So much so that we were already building up stories about each of us ranging from things like the Hulk in an ice cream shop to the mystery machine to whether or not a certain team member (who shall remain nameless) liked to dance or not. No matter how crazy things got we found joy in the Lord and His work.

Our musicians had a wide range of musical backgrounds, and joined their unique skills together to help lead us in prayerful worship. We even had team jumping in and playing a little percussion to liven things up. The Resource Team led with games, incredible meditations, and Christian fellowship. What an example of Christ with skin!

The Wheat team was a wonderful example of prayerful service and the joy that doing God's work can become. They got fire and water when it was needed. They worked hard, prayed harder, and loved even more. They were a source of laughter and strength as they served the candidates and Resource Team. Their theme was based on the following scripture passage. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Never rely on what you think you know. Remember the Lord in all that you do and He will show you

the right way." (Proverbs 3:5-6) Agape was an incredible journey over the rainbow from our unique Glinda to the Tool Time skits - which seems fitting for a TEC with 'Tim and Al' as leaders. [Hey, where did Al go with that reciprocating saw?]

The Candidates on the weekend were so open to God and the personal relationship He was calling them too. The weekend was a completely special experience because of each one of them.

I would like to thank all those who helped at the Kickoff, in the kitchen, and came by at the Hoot. I also want to thank all those who prayed for us, offered up Wheat, and wrote Wheat letters. Each of you contributed a step in the dance that was TEC 116!

Peace in Christ,

Tim McCann
Lay Director, TEC 116

P.S. Keep dancing and sharing the Good News!

From Snowing to Growing

I usually like a snow storm. Everything slows down and the landscape looks so nice from the rector window, cozy and warm. However, when I found myself for the fourth weekend in a row shoveling snow for the Saturday and Sunday Masses at the Church, I just wanted the snow to stop. And then God reminded me of dying and rising process of life. We really do need the water, and soon in the spring the trees and the flowers will be praising God for his goodness.

The dying and rising of Jesus is the core of our faith. We celebrate it now during Lent and Easter and we celebrate it on TEC. Christ died and rose to free us from sin and offer us new life.

Like the snow of winter we might not always like the dying, but soon the growing will begin.

I pray that God will both heal and renew all of you during this season and bless all who will be going on the next weekend in March.

Father Dan Norick



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