



The Fourth Day Newsletter

October 2007

RM TEC #118 is October 5th - 7th

Please pray for the team and candidates for TEC # 118

Directors

Lay Director	- Angela Ibsen
Asst Lay Director	- Karen Amend
Spiritual Director	- Fr. Don Willette
Asst. Spiritual Dir.	- Larry Poehler
Music Director	- Mary Ann Mahoney
Wheat Director	- Lisa Venette
Wheat Director	- Angie McCann

Team

Carole Engler, Sarah Contreras, Sarah Kimmett, Hallie Jefferson, John Wirtz, Al Zuber, Anjel Carter-Siegle, Darlene Poplawski, Phillip Heelan, Cassie Thurston, Kimberly Kendrick, Judy Ibsen, Robert Ruiz

WE NEED YOU, the greater community, to show the 118 participants the love of Christ by your presence at the Kick-off and Hoot! Let's make it the biggest crowd of folks ever! Come sing, pray and socialize with us!

Kick-off: Thursday night, October 4th – 7:00pm at St. Thomas More Catacombs. Look for the signs at the east entrance showing the location of the Kick-off.

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 at 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 6th – Mass will be available at St. Thomas More Church at 5:30 pm.

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

See you there!

Wheat Letters!

We need your wheat letters by 11:59pm Wednesday October 3rd! We need general letters that will be read aloud during the weekend and individual wheat letters for the team and candidates!

Email your letters to wheat@rockymountaintec.net or bring them 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.

Late-breaking TEC News!!!!

Due to construction at St. Thomas More, Rocky Mountain TEC 119 is tentatively scheduled for:

**March 28-30, 2008
at Regis High School**

Beat the rush. Consider applying for Team now.

Congratulations!! Spirit of TEC award recipients!

Several members of our Rocky Mountain TEC community were awarded the Spirit of TEC. This is an award given at the National TEC Conference Convention each year recognizing members of various communities for their service and dedication to their TEC community. We are all proud that this year we had three outstanding award winners. Please thank them for their dedication and service to our TEC community as we thank all who come to help serve one another in Jesus' name.

Arnie Dowd

The Rocky Mountain TEC Community is proud to present Arnie Dowd with this 2007 Spirit of TEC Award. His long-standing history with the TEC Movement in Denver ranges from serving and leading weekend teams to being Rocky Mountain's registrar and treasurer. Arnie was instrumental in bringing the Renewing the Vision of TEC workshop to our archdiocese and recruiting others so that their gifts would also benefit the community. His kindness, inner peace and love of God are very obvious to all who meet him. He is humble of heart and great of spirit - always putting the TEC community first and never drawing attention to himself in the process. For Arnie, work is a way of life whether it is his ministry to the youth and adults of Rocky Mountain TEC or in his weekly outreach to the imprisoned.

Kelley Contreras

The Rocky Mountain TEC Community would like to recognize Kelley Contreras with a 2007 Spirit of TEC Award. Kelley has contributed selflessly to the Denver TEC ministry in roles ranging from TEC team member to director of the leadership board. She was also instrumental in spearheading the incredible music ministry that lights a fire in our community and is our primary contact with the center where our TECs take place. In addition, Kelley helped bring Rocky Mountain back from its hiatus and was essential in the Renewing the Vision of TEC process. More importantly, her faith witness doesn't stop with TEC. Kelley, a wife and mother of four, brings peace, love and a joy for Christ everywhere she goes. At her parish, she leads the youth Mass choir and volunteers with both the middle and high school youth groups. Kelley gives generously of herself to family, friends, fellow parishioners and all others she encounters in her walk with Jesus Christ.

Fr. Dan Norick

The Rocky Mountain TEC Community is honored to give Fr. Dan Norick this 2007 Spirit of TEC Award. As a pastor and the spiritual director of the Denver Archdiocesan TEC Movement, Fr. Dan loves the Paschal Mystery each day. His prayers, sacrifices and giving of himself for the betterment of the community as an inspiration to all who know him. Fr. Dan serves as a liaison with his brother priests in inviting their participation and prayers for the TEC ministry. He coordinates with them to serve as weekend spiritual directors and minister to the TECites through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Moreover, Fr. Dan credits TEC as a stepping stone in his calling to become a Catholic priest; having been involved in Rocky Mountain TEC since his youth. During the time TEC was on hiatus, Father was instrumental in its return and renewal; helping bring the Renewing the Vision of TEC workshop to Denver. But, perhaps Fr. Dan's greatest contribution to TEC is his determination to keep the focus of the ministry on Christ. His love for Jesus and the Rocky Mountain community is undeniable.



A Letter from the Lay Director of TEC 117

Dear TEC Family,

It's hard to believe that it's been six months since our weekend together!! Time really flies, doesn't it???? I miss each of you very much, and I think of you often. Each of you touched my heart in ways I will never forget. I remember seeing each of your faces as you walked into the church that Friday morning. Some of you were scared, some didn't want to be there, and some were really excited.

As I sat down to write this letter to you, I began thinking of all the wonderful and amazing things we experienced during our time together on TEC 117. I hope each of you went away from the weekend feeling like you are part of a community God's love is truly evident!! Remember the wheat letters (both from the TEC community and the personal ones each of you received.....)? Remember the amazing talks that were given, and the time we spent together in the Chapel during our visit with the Blessed Sacrament? What about the incredible music that the music team (aka. Ed, Jean, and Carla) played for us? The wheat team blew us away with their humility and service. Who can forget the HOOT and the time we spent praying together as family (sorry, I still get choked up when I think about this.....)? Wasn't it amazing that we got to meet the greater community and finally see faces of the people who were praying and doing wheat for us? TALK ABOUT AGAPE LOVE!!

Of course, we had our share of laughter and embarrassment too. I don't know about each of you, but each time I see someone holding up a finger to get people's attention, I can't help but think of you, Al. I also have fond memories of Fr. John Paul's and Deacon Steve's amazing acting abilities (if you want to call that "acting"). Napoleon Dynamite will never be the same!! And finally, I want to personally thank each of you (especially Darlene, Matt, Vicki, Jean, Anita, Angela, Adam, Amanda, and Cassie) for giving my mom, Chris (aka. Grammy), a "proper" welcome since she arrived late. I know for a fact she felt "the love"!!

I hope to see each of you at the kickoff for TEC 118 on Thursday, Oct. 4th. It will be at St Thomas More in the Catacombs (where our weekend took place). If you can't make it to the kick-off, I really encourage you to come to the HOOT on Saturday, Oct. 5th. We will be presenting our gifs and banner to TEC 118. REMEMBER TO WRITE WHEAT LETTERS, TOO!! Let TEC 118 know how much you love them!! Let's make sure TEC 117 is well represented!!

May our Lord continue to bless each of you with his love and peace. I LOVE YOU ALL!! See you soon!!

Love in Christ,
Bernadette Herrera
Lay Director – TEC 117

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Christine Condon
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Welcome TEC 117!!!

Life as the Second Hand...

By: Tim McCann

Do you currently see life as the second hand on a clock? You know, not the digital kind, but the kind where the second hand sweeps all the way from 12, past 3, or the way to 7, rounding its way back up to 10 finally returning back to the place where it started – only to find that it's time to do it all again? Talk about frustrating. If your life is anything like mine – and when I talk to a lot of you it seems like it is – you might see yourself in the race that the second hand takes on every minute. I find myself rushing off to work or school, then its off to a meeting for this or that, squeezing in time to meet a friend or three for dinner, getting home in time to put the dishes in the dryer ... err ... washing machine ... um ... dishwasher ... yeah, that's right ... before it's time to collapse and fall asleep for what appears to be a moment when it's time to get back up and run the race all over again. Life sure seems busy that way – but should it be?

On a TEC weekend we talk about what it means to live a Christian Life. This means being good in your actions – especially towards others, living as Christ lived, and spending time in prayer. So what can prayer be? It can be a song on the way to work. It can be a few minutes to say the rosary. It can be stopping to ask God for help with your day as you walk from room to room. It can be going out of your way to be kind and helpful to those you meet. It can be words, thoughts, or actions – but most importantly it means giving time and attention to the One who gives you His time and attention. It means taking advantage of the opportunities in your life to give Him what He deserves so that you can get from him what you deserve – His strength, His love, and His direction. There's no sense running in circles if you don't know what you are supposed to be doing at each stopping point in your day. There's no sense moving on to the next thing in life when you have not given the attention necessary to take care of things where you are. If you do spent time to pray, your days may still run a full circle, but God's direction and love will help you identify what is really important so you can focus your time and energy there. Praying while living can give us time to share His love and receive it in return. By doing this, we will slowly become more like a minute hand and eventually an hour hand – taking our time to do the ordinary things with God's extraordinary love – and that is living a Christian Life in our minute-to-minute world.



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