



Rocky Mountain TEC

# The Fourth Day Newsletter

July 2008

## **RM TEC #120 is coming July. 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>!!!!** **To the newly renovated St. Thomas More**

Mark your calendars and come out in support of TEC 120!

Kick-off: Thursday night, July 24<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm at **St. Thomas More in the Catacombs!!!**  
Hoot: Saturday night, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Please arrive no later than 6:45pm, the Hoot begins at 7:00pm.  
**Signs will be posted!**

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### **Asking someone to go on a TEC retreat**

Do you remember that one TEC retreat that changed your whole relationship with God? As you left on Sunday you were so on fire and so ready to start recruiting everyone you ever knew come on this retreat and have a similar experience.

Only when you started talking to people and trying to get them to go on the next TEC retreat you felt like you were trying to physically pull the mountain to Mohammed. They couldn't go this time, or they didn't think it was for them, even though they didn't know anything about TEC. We have all been there and we know it's difficult to get people to go on these retreats. So here are a few tips for encouraging someone to come on the retreat.

- **First and foremost in all things PRAY!!!** It is God who calls people to TEC. We are just the radio station he is using at the time.
- **Listen to your prospect.** They may have legitimate reasons for not making the retreat - family commitments, school, work, and vacations are common obstacles. If you are really listening to them you will soon be able to determine the legitimate reasons for not going from apprehension.
- **Be prepared.** Your prospect may be apprehensive and give you a reason they can't come, such as "I can't afford it", try to know as much about the program as you can so you can respond, such as "TEC has scholarships!"
- **Be patiently persistent.** If a person says "no" listen to their reasons. If they are apprehensive, address their concerns in a kind and knowledgeable fashion. If they have a legitimate reason for not coming then make a note and invite them to attend when the next weekend comes around. You may have to invite someone 10 times to get them on once, but as we all know persistence eventually pays off. – *Happy recruiting!!*

### **Team for TEC 120**

**Lay Director :** Kristie Becker  
**Asst Lay Dir. :** Monica Archer  
**Asst Spiritual Dir:** Jim Becker  
**Music Dir.:** Angie McCann

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Chris Lang  
Amy Shinnars  
Liela Von Ree  
Kim Zuber

### **Couldn't attend TEC 120?**

Well mark your Calendars now for  
TEC 121!!!

**TEC 121: October 24 - 26, 2008**  
**Location: St. Thomas More**

*Remember life gets busy quickly, so  
make your plans now!!!*

## **WHEAT LETTERS**

We need your wheat letters by midnight, Wednesday July 23!!  
We need general letters that will be read aloud as well as individual wheat letters!  
Email to: [wheat@rockymountaintec.net](mailto:wheat@rockymountaintec.net) or bring them to the kickoff.

What do you put in the letter?

### For individual letters:

- Provide encouragement and understanding
- Include your favorite scripture
- Let them know how you are sacrificing for them (your wheat)
- Share how TEC has helped you in your faith walk
- If this is their first TEC don't ruin any surprises!!! [Remember that they get these letters the night of the first day (Die Day).]
- Sign off with your full name and the TEC weekends you have attended.

### For community letters:

- Pick a day and stick to the theme (Die, Rise, Go)
- Encourage the candidates and ask them to rely on the team
- Share scriptures or a VERY brief example of what it meant to you to die, rise, or go.
- Keep the letter short and to the point. Remember several letters will be read at one time.
- Remind people that if they have not gone through their dying process, that it is OK and that people will go through the dying process when they are ready.
- Sign off with your full name and the TEC weekends you have attended.

## **Whose Hands?**

A Note from Tim McCann – RM-TEC Core Team President

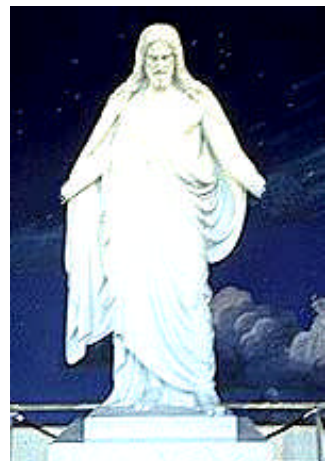
A while ago I heard a story about a statue of Jesus in a French courtyard whose hands had been blown off amidst the fighting of World War II. When the war ended, the parish looked to rebuild their church facilities and to take care of things that had been damaged like the statue of Jesus. They approached the pastor about the needed repairs and the wise priest told his flock that they should simply place the statue in the courtyard without repairing the hands. When asked why, he told his congregation that Christ has no hands but their hands to do His work and that the statue was to remain unrepaired as a reminder that it is up to each of us to be "Christ with skin" for one another.

As disciples, we are called to serve one another – at school, at work, in our Church parish, with our friends, and with our family. On a TEC weekend, we are called to serve one another as Resource Team, Wheat Team, Kitchen Staff, and as members of the Greater Community. We are called to serve by sharing our stories, by leading games and singing out loud. We are called to serve by wearing servant's aprons, and doing the best we can through prayer and sacrifice. We are called to come and work in the kitchen so that we can provide nourishment for the team and candidate's body and by our example their hearts, minds, and souls. We are called to offer our wheat – our loving support and sacrifice – for the candidates so that our actions will make the team and candidates more holy.

All of this is wonderful for a three day weekend where we are called to love and serve one another, but we often forget about our responsibility to the fourth/forth day. We forget that when we go home we have to be Christ for our brothers, our sisters, our parents, and our children. We forget that we have to be Christ for the person at school who gossips about us – is mean to us – who avoids doing the right thing. We forget we have to be Christ to the person who hates the things we love and loves the things we hate.

We rely on other people to do other things that we should be doing. We rely on other people to be the hands that will calm, the hands that will help, and the hands that will heal. We rely on other people to be the responsible ones and we all too often look for someone who we can point to lay the blame for things that go wrong.

Instead, we should be the apron-less Wheat Team. We should be sharing our stories and singing and making friends – without wearing nametags. If we are the Church – the body of Christ – and we are not being Christ's hands, then isn't His work - and ultimately our work - incomplete?



## A Letter from the TEC 119 Director

*"Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone;  
but if it dies, it bears much fruit" (John 12:24)*

This is the main theme of TEC and how often are we called to die to ourselves?

In the Christian life we are called to die to ourselves on a regular basis. This world is overwhelmed with sin and yet we are called to find grace. I need to die to myself over and over and I need grace in my life. I am challenged to go deeper, even if it is going against my will. It is easy to get spiritually lazy. Yet, we are called to fight the good fight and to bear much fruit.

I am writing this article two days before I am to leave for Australia for World Youth Day 2008. The theme of WYD this year is **'You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses.'** Acts 1:8. What a great theme! It is by the power of the Holy Spirit that it is possible to live the Christian life. I pray that the Holy Spirit strengthens all of us as we walk this journey together.

It was my joy to serve as Lay director for TEC 119. It is sad that I will not be able to attend the next hoot, because I will still be in Australia. Please keep us in your prayers, as we will pray for you, and especially for the people attending TEC 120.

On a side note, it is with much excitement that we welcome TEC back to St. Thomas More Catholic Church. Phase 1 of our renovation is finished. Praise the Lord. I hope you all get a chance to see the new Church design. It is really a work of art and a gift to the congregation.

May you stay close the love of Jesus!

In Christ,

David Tschumper

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## Welcome TEC 119!!!

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John Wirtz  
Fr. Dan Norick  
Chris Lang  
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Blair Burton  
Lydia Fletcher  
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Tim McCann  
Christy Wirtz  
Noelle Elzas  
Chris Huyer  
Celina Pinedo  
Eileen Pinedo  
Cassie Thurston  
Carol Zuber

It's summertime ...summertime ...sum..sum..summertiiaiiiiime. Wow, I can sing even in print!!!!

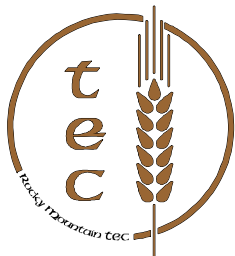
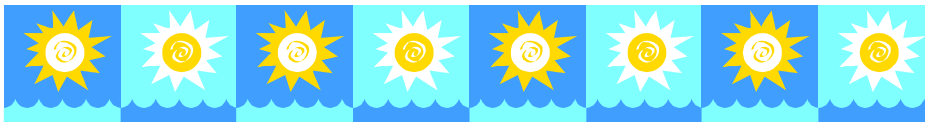
Summer 2008 brings with it World Youth day 2008 in sunny Australia. I know several of you already have your small groups and your plane tickets to Australia. You have been training for that 18 hour flight by sleeping in the easy chair in the den. Several of you are trying to learn the local slang so you will be able to blend in seamlessly with the natives, just remember if you try the slang out on the staff at your local Outback Steakhouse they won't understand you ... they aren't Australian they are Americans, so ordering in Aussie slang will just get you a lot of stares!! But I digress...

World Youth Day is a great opportunity to see just how big the Catholic Church really is, and to start to get a sense of the true nature of our family. I urge all of you who get to participate in this great event to take the time to really open yourselves up to the experience. Look at the grand splendor of God at the same time as you see the small pieces of Himself that he puts into every person on this earth. It will be an event you will never forget, and it will make you long for the day where we as a people will do nothing but worship Him.

For those of you who are not going, don't fret God has not forgotten you. World Youth Day is an amazing experience for everyone involved, but it is miniscule in comparison to the celebration we get to have every day if we wish. That experience is the Mass where we on earth in all cities, states and countries join together with the apostles, the angels and the saints, at that very special Passover meal where Jesus broke His body...poured His blood...and saved us all.

Have a great summer and hopefully we'll see you at the hoot and kickoff for TEC 120!!!!

Peace, Sean Roe



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