



Rocky Mountain TEC

# The Fourth Day Newsletter

March 2008

## **RM TEC #119 is coming Mar. 28<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup>!!!!** **To Regis Jesuit High School**

Mark your calendars and come out in support of TEC 119!

Kick-off: Thursday night, March 27<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm at **Regis Jesuit High School!!!**

Hoot: Saturday night, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Please arrive no later than 6:45pm, the Hoot begins at 7:00pm.

**Kickoff – Girl's Division Cafeteria and Hoot – Boy's Division Cafeteria (Signs will be posted!)**

So do not go to St. Thomas More, because we will be elsewhere.

See below for directions, or go to <http://www.regisjesuit.com>

### **Renovation TEC-style**

By: Tim McCann

Core Team President

The Team for TEC 119 gathered at Mass for their first Team meeting at St. Thomas More not too long ago. They were celebrating in the church gym where the parish is now having Mass because of extensive renovations to the main church building. The construction was obvious and the noise was loud from time-to-time. A side trip down to the Catacombs where we would normally have our TEC functions showed that the areas we know and are familiar with were now housing the parish offices and parts were unrecognizable. It is because of this that TEC 119 is being hosted at Regis High School this spring and possibly this summer.

The Lay Director of the weekend challenged the Team to focus on the theme of renovation for Lent and for the Team preparation. What do we need to work on and clean up in our lives? Is it our hearts that we need to work on and clean out so that we can make room for the love of Jesus? Is it our minds that are cluttered with the distractions of life that wear us down? Is it a relationship that we once held so dear, but because of a thoughtless word or tired act we have let fall into disrepair – or even worse simply abandoned? Each of us has a lifetime of things that we need to work on – to improve upon. We all have those ideals that we are striving for and our lives cry out for the need to grow towards those ideals – if only we would get the things weighing us down out of the way. It is the story of Lent and Easter. It is the story of dying and rising.

So if we are called to that as individuals, as family, as community, as Church – then are we not called to do that in our TEC community as well? The answer is a simple 'Yes'. We need to work on things to renovate and strengthen our community. This is not a prospect of 'renewing the vision' of our TEC community, but rather an evaluation of the things that we do well and things that we need to do much better at. This is a time to set goals for our community and build up the relationships we have within our community and build bridges to other areas of our Church community where we can be of service. The blessing of this community is the many people who make it up - the people who are committed to sharing their encounters with Christ with others who are working on their own faith life – and we need to share our blessings.

This renovation will take the support of the community to succeed, for it is not the responsibility of one person or one small team to step up and do all of the work. This effort will take time and patience to organize, layout, and execute. This effort will take understanding and a willingness to be open to many different opinions. This effort will take the generosity of the community – not necessarily through financial means – but through the God given gifts that we can all bring to make our community our gift back to God. Most importantly, this effort will take prayer and wheat so that God will be in all that we do – so that all we do will be for the betterment of God's design.

Please keep your ears open for announcements coming in the next few months for you to participate. This community renovation will not succeed with only one or two builders. We need your help – in thoughts, ideas, actions, and in prayer – so contact one of the Core Team members listed in this newsletter and volunteer to help. This is your community. With your care, it can become even more beautiful than it is right now. May God bless you and fill you with His love.

# Welcome TEC 118!



Angela Ibsen  
 Karen Amend  
 Fr. Don Willette  
 Larry Poehler  
 Mary Ann Mahoney  
 Philip Heelan  
 Carole Engler  
 Mike Cogil  
 Desi Trujillo  
 Kim Zuber  
 Cassie Thurston  
 Sarah Kimmitt  
 Stephanie Lagrange  
 Brian Shimanek  
 Hallie Jefferson

Al Zuber  
 Judy Ayala  
 Katie Eakin  
 Anjel Carter-Siegle  
 Darlene Poplawski  
 Kathy Eakin  
 Noelle Elzas  
 Angie McCann  
 Lisa Venette  
 Sarah Contreras  
 Judy Ibsen  
 Kimberly Kendrick  
 Robert Ruiz  
 John Wirtz

## Letter from the Director of TEC 118:

Happy (go) "Forth" Day RM TEC 118!!

I wanted to take a moment to thank each of you for your time, commitment and willingness to share your walk with Jesus with us! What a wonderful opportunity it was to get to know all of you. It was amazing to me to be able to witness the Holy Spirit moving through you. In all the silliness – Kung Fu fighting, impromptu WWF and the many, MANY, missing items – as well as in those moments of deep sharing and concern you had for one another – who knew it would bear so much fruit? Who knows what else the Lord holds in store for us....

I so appreciate each of you and your contributions.... I am truly blessed to have been able to take a little break with you last fall, and am looking forward to seeing each of you at the kick off and/or hoot for TEC 119!!!!

Know that you remain in my prayers as you continue to go forth on your journey with Christ. Keep planting those seeds!!!

Oh, Phil, keep that helmet on – stay safe!!!

I love you!

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### Can't attend TEC 119?

Well mark your Calendars now for  
TEC 120 and TEC 121!!!  
Locations: TBD

**TEC 120 - July 25-27, 2008**  
**TEC 121 - October 17-19, 2008**

Check out the new applications at  
[www.rockymountaintec.net](http://www.rockymountaintec.net).  
*Remember life gets busy quickly,  
so make your plans now!!!*

## WHEAT LETTERS

We need general letters that will be read aloud as well as individual wheat letters!

Email to: [wheat@rockymountaintec.net](mailto:wheat@rockymountaintec.net)

We need your emailed wheat letters by:  
**Midnight, Wednesday March 26!!**

Bring them to the kickoff or mail them to:

Carol Engler and Kim Kendrick  
16363 E. Fremont Ave #823  
Aurora, CO 80016

### For individual letters:

- Provide encouragement
- 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!!!

### 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
- Sign off with your full name and the TEC weekends you have attended.
- Keep the letter short and to the point. Remember several letters will be read at one time.



## Welcome to the Desert, It's Just like the beach... Only without the water.

When you are the chosen of God, He could send you anywhere. So why does he choose the desert so often? Well life in the desert is great, depending on the specific desert you are stuck in the temperatures can rise as high as 140 degrees during the day and as low as freezing at night. Getting water is a simple two to three day walk if you know where to look, or you can find the nearest cactus and ouch ... get ... ouch ... the moisture ... MAN! ... from it's stored ... ouch ... well you get the point, literally. Okay but the food is world class, let's see we have sand ... sand ... locust ... lizard ... sand ... vulture ... sand ... cactus ... ouch!!! ... sand and ... sand.

Okay so the dining isn't great, but the activities rock...we have sun tanning, building sand hills (sand castles don't work without water), sand drawing, listening to the wind and ...and well that's about it... I wouldn't recommend moving too much, you'll dehydrate quickly, and don't sleep too much in the day it gets very hot and you might not wake up...and don't sleep too much at night either it gets very cold and well you might ... not ... wake ... up?

Scenery!!! We have great scenery! We have ..... sand, cacti, and ..... more sand.

Alright the desert is harsh not great. It's tough it's difficult to survive, it's hot, there's nothing to do, but we have God!!!! Yep God is here with us, all God all the time, nothing but God ..... and maybe that's the point.

In the desert you can't get too busy there is nothing to do, the scenery is pretty bland so there is nothing to see, the wind is pretty quiet most of the time, so there's nothing to listen too. Basically there is nothing to distract you, but sometimes that's not enough even if we don't have anything to distract us we still resist going face to face with ABBA Our Father.

This is where the true brilliance of the desert comes into play, without God's help we can't survive in the desert on our own. So the choice becomes very simple go with God or suffer death, no negotiations, no bargains, no door number two. Now God will never force us to choose to go with Him, but He won't deny that there is always a choice before us either.

Now you may be thinking that the desert is the extreme case. However, the truth is in all the choices we make the basic choice before us is always the same, go with God or suffer death. So as this Lenten season finishes up take some time and look at the choices you make every day, and then compare those choices against the desert.

Have a great Lent and a Happy Easter, and we hope to see you at TEC 119!!!!

**Regis Jesuit High School**  
**Directions**

Regis Jesuit High School is located in the southeast metro area in Aurora. The campus is located on the northeast corner of Arapahoe & Parker Roads behind the Arapahoe Crossings Shopping Center.

From I-225: Take Parker Road south; pass Orchard Road and get in left lane. Turn left on Lewiston Way at the next traffic light at the Conoco gas station. The second left is the Davis Gate entrance for the Girls Division. The fourth left is the McCallin Gate entrance for the Boys Division.

From I-25 Arapahoe Road Exit: Take Arapahoe Road east. Continue east past Parker Road and turn left on Lewiston Way (the first light after the Parker Road). The first right is the McCallin Gate entrance for the Boys Division. The third right is the Davis Gate entrance for the Girls Division.

Visitor parking is available in front of each building.

**Team for TEC 119**

<b>Lay Director :</b>	David Tschumper
<b>Asst Lay Dir. :</b>	John Wirtz
<b>Spiritual Dir. :</b>	Fr. Dan Norick
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Kim Zuber  
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**Wheaties**

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**Come and support TEC 119 at the Kick-off, Hoot  
and write wheat letters!!!!**



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