



The Fourth Day Newsletter

October 2010

RM TEC #127 is coming November 12th - 14th!!!!

Mark your calendars and come out in support of TEC 127!

Kick-off: Thursday night, November 11, 2010 – 7:00pm at **St. Thomas More in the Catacombs!!!**
Come eat, sing, and pray with us as we start the weekend off right. Don't forget to bring your wheat letters!

Hoot: Saturday night, November 13, 2010. Please arrive no later than 6:45pm, the Hoot begins at 7:00pm.
Signs will be posted!

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 person you are recruiting.** They may have legitimate reasons for not making the retreat, family commitments, work, and vacations. If you are really listening to them you will soon be able to determine the legitimate reasons for not going from normal apprehension.
- **Be prepared.** The person you are recruiting 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 help answer their questions. (i.e. "TEC has scholarships!")
- **Be persistent.** If a person says, "No," listen to their reasons. If it is apprehension, 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 127

Lay Director:	Al Zuber
Asst. LD:	Tim McCann
Spiritual Dir:	Fr. Dan Norick
Asst. SD:	Dcn. Marty Wager
Music Dir:	Hallie Jefferson
Wheat Dir:	Kelley Contreras
Wheat Dir:	Blair Burton

Resources

Kendra Gonzalez
Chris Huyer
Mark Morel
Annie Murphy
Elizabeth Perille
Shannon Rice
Sr. MaryAnn Richwald
Alvin Schaff,
Kristi Ugran
Sr. Caritas Wendt

Wheaties

Megan Fuller
Pat Nixon
Adam Pardy
Marie Piccone
Zascha Samuels
Sarah Shinnors
Steve Shinnors

**Come and support TEC 127 at the Kick-off,
Hoot, and write wheat letters!!!!**

TEC Christmas Party

December 11, 2010

6:00 – 9:00PM

St. Thomas More – Catacombs

Yep it's that time again. Mark your calendars and come by to share time with friends, food, and a lot of holiday spirit!!

This party is open to all TEC members and their friends and family.

*Entrée and drinks
provided!*



*Bring a dessert
if you wish!*

WHEAT LETTERS

We need your wheat letters by midnight, Wednesday, November 10th!!

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

Email to: wheat@rockymountaintec.net

Mail them to:

Rocky Mountain TEC - Wheat
c/o STM Office of Youth Ministry
8035 S. Quebec Street
Centennial, CO 80112

Or bring them to the kickoff.

What do you put in the letter?

Ideas 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!!!

Ideas 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.
- Try to write/print clearly so it can be easily read.

TEC Core Team

The TEC Core Team is responsible for serving the TEC community and planning events. If you have any ideas or requests for something that we should try and do better, please feel free to contact us. We thank you for the opportunity to serve our great community.

coreteam@rockymountaintec.net

Angie McCann Sean Roe
Bernadette Herrera Angie Ibsen
Ed Herrera Al Zuber
Tim McCann

Bob Dunlap – Pray for us!!

Do you remember your very first TEC retreat and your first set of wheat letters? Think back to the overwhelming sense of love you felt at that very moment, and then the slight ache because these people who loved you so much seemed worlds away. You weren't together at that specific moment but you knew that these people loved you for all time. On September 29, 2010 one of our fellow TECites, Bob Dunlap, entered into eternal life. Those that knew him would say that Bob's life was a wheat letter – full of love and support no matter if he was near or far from them.

Bob, his wife Loretta, and many of their children served the greater Rocky Mountain TEC community very strongly in the 1980s and they all enriched our community in ways many of us may never fully know. One very special way Bob and Loretta affected the lives of others came through their involvement in REC- Residents Encounter Christ. REC is a modified TEC weekend held in the Federal Prison System, which allows those with no other options to experience the paschal mystery.

Those who knew Bob will tell you he was a brilliant man who followed a simple model of faith, "Just live it, and let Jesus do the rest." He will be remembered fondly as a gentle and quiet man with a great sense of humor. Bob touched the lives of so many people here on earth, and now that he is home with our Father in heaven he will touch the lives of many others through his prayers. Those of us who remain here feel that ache of love and separation and will miss Bob greatly. And yet we also know that there is a rise day and an incredible hoot to come, and we will get to see Bob's smiling face when the time is right.

Please join the TEC community in praying with gratitude for the life of this good and generous man, and for the continued comfort of his family.

We are dedicating RM TEC 127 to the memory of Bob Dunlap for his service to TEC, to REC, and to the entire people of God.

Couldn't attend TEC 127?

Well mark your Calendars now for TECs 128, 129, and 130!!!

TEC 128 – Spring 2011

Team Selection – February 2, 2011
1st Team Meeting – February 19th – 9am–3pm
2nd Team Meeting – March 5th – 9am–12pm
3rd Team Meeting – March 19th – 9am–3pm
Kick-off – March 31st – 7pm
Weekend – April 1-3, 2011

TEC 129 – Summer 2011

(Tentative dates)

Team Selection – May 25th, 2011
1st Team Meeting – June 11th – 9am–3pm
2nd Team Meeting – June 25th – 9am–12pm
3rd Team Meeting – July 9th – 9am–3pm
Kick-off – July 21st – 7pm
Weekend – July 22-24, 2011

TEC 130 – Fall 2011

(Tentative dates)

Team Selection – TBD
1st Team Meeting – TBD – 9am–3pm
2nd Team Meeting – TBD – 9am–12pm
3rd Team Meeting – TBD – 9am–3pm
Kick-off – TBD – 7pm
Weekend – October 2011

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

Letter from the Lay Director of RM TEC 126:

Hello TECites!

The sun is shining bright this fall morning as I write to you. On my list of things to do today is to visit my family, bake some zucchini bread and to harvest some of the green tomatoes still in my garden. I love this time of year as it gives me an opportunity to look at God's abundance in my life. I have been thinking about how the earth is at once celebrating the harvest and preparing for the next step, the inevitable coming of winter. We have been fortunate to dodge a hard frost so far but winter is coming. You can feel it in the crisp fall air - change is coming.

Jesus is so kind and faithful as he walks through this Paschal Mystery with us in our lives. He is the Master Gardener who knows when it is necessary to cut away some part of us so that the rest of us might produce a greater harvest. Jeremiah 29:11 says, "For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare, not for woe, plans to give you a future full of hope." He knows when to sow the seeds of love in our hearts, how to pull away the weeds that sin has planted in our garden. He is there with us to celebrate the harvest of love each time we celebrate the Eucharist and he is there, in the quiet of winter, patiently waiting for the coming of spring.

"... and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us."

- Romans 5:5

This is the great gift of hope we have the opportunity to share with others in our lives. I look forward to seeing you at the kickoff and the hoot for TEC #127.

With Love and in the Hope of Christ,

Lisa Venette

Lay Director TEC 126

Welcome TEC #126

Lisa Venette
Angie McCann
Christy Wirtz
Fr. John Paul Leyba
Dcn. Steve Stemper
Monica Archer
Jim Becker
Kristie Becker
Becker Bobby Albi
Josh Altonji
Brad Becker
Cara Beutel
Justin Brainig
Kathe Burke
Sarah Contreras
Tessa Contreras
Josiah Contreras
Mike Corbisiero
Drew Cross
Karlle Dalton
Matthew
DeBartolomeis
Maria Deitrick
Merlow Dunham
Megan Filler
Jean Finegan
Megan Finegan
Julie Gallegos
Andrew Gerlach
Alleigh Gillette
Dylan Gordan
Garrett Harris
Ashley Heasley
Joe Heasley
Lina Jensen
Yaremi Jones
Cody Kersteins



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Megan Kopetsky
Ben Kubier
Brittany Lane
Chris Lang
Bonnie Lang
Katie Leeper
Rebecca Lindner
Dennis Maes
Leylin Marroquin
Patrick Meleney
Amanda Mortus
Hilary Mullen
Adam Pardy
Brenden Parks
Sarah Patzner
Marie Piccone
Kaelin Pilkington
Clark Rachel
Christy Roberts
Lacy Rogers
Lauren Sanders
Kaylin Schloesser
Hannah Sheehan
Carina Slade
Lauren Stemper
Ian Stemper
Kasia Sullivan
Kaylee Sullivan
Emily Westover
Kim Zuber
Carol Zuber

Spirit of TEC

Tim McCann

We are a very blessed community. We have a generous parish that allows us to hold TEC meetings and weekends at St. Thomas More. We have a good number of supplies, and we have had many weekends recently with many candidates. But the thing that blesses our community the most are those people both past and present who have given and sacrificed of themselves to make our TEC community alive. We were able to recognize three outstanding people in our community's history this past summer by nominating them for the TEC Conference's Spirit of TEC award. Without these people, Rocky Mountain TEC probably would not exist. The recipients of this national award are our founders, *Bob and Sally Hillen*, and *Brenda Pardy* who has been involved since the very first Rocky Mountain TEC.

The Spirit of TEC is not only about doing TEC things and sharing God only with people in TEC, but it is also about living the Paschal Mystery and going forth to love and serve the Lord and one another. God is not forcing us to choose Him over everything else in our lives, but He is asking us to **include** Him in everything in our lives. By doing this we make God a priority in our lives, we bring Him to others that we meet, and we fully embrace the Spirit of TEC. So as this year wraps up and you embrace the holidays, try including God in your life and allow His spirit to work through you.

Fall Reflection

Mary Ann Mahoney

I've always loved fall, yet I used to hate Die Day. As I've enjoyed this fall, I've been thinking about how much Die Day is like fall. The fall colors are simply beautiful and glorious every year. But, those colors are the colors of death. Leaves turn colors and then die. When we die to the things in our life that are keeping us from Jesus it is even more beautiful and glorious than the colors of fall. God working in those areas of our lives that are not right is truly one of the most beautiful things we can experience. The cool air of fall is wonderfully refreshing after the sweltering heat of summer. When we hold on to our sins and failures, it can become sweltering and overpowering, like the heat of summer. When we finally let go of the things that we need to die to, we experience a refreshing time with Christ. I'll stretch a bit to link my VERY favorite part of fall, the crunching of the leaves!! When we die to ourselves and all our selfish areas, there is a great rejoicing in heaven that sounds just like leaves crunching, or perhaps like "Alleluia." I'm not sure; I'm still here on earth. Our old selves are crushed and blown away and we are ready for the new life that Jesus gives. This fall, as you enjoy the season, DIE already! When you do, Jesus will shine through you and you will be a beautiful display of color and glory for all to see!



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