

Welcome to the winter issue of The TEC Pelican. I pray that you and your family enjoyed the wonderful holiday season and are trying to keep warm during these frigid months. So sit back, curl up under a blanket, and read what is happening in our TEC community! Happy 2003!

-Evamarie Rossi



## Welcome to the TEC Community!

The following individuals have just made TEC #60. We welcome you and pray that you will continue to grow in your faith!

Joanne Angeletti	David Berelamp
Nicole Bosely	Ed Carroll
Anna Ciarrone	Ginny Clark
Mary Ann Cockrell	Katie Gerrity
Carrie Goglin	Gloria Komar
Scott Kopp	Marissa Kovach
Michael Lipinski	Blazenska Luketina
Lisa Miller	Jenny Parker
Katie Polace	Nicholas Quallich
Judy Settupane	Ed Suszynski, Jr.
Mike Yako	Trish Morgan

A special thank you to the following TECites who have graciously given up their time and talent to serve this past TEC!

Dave Novicky, Evamarie Rossi, Fr. Joe Koopman, Mark Hach, Pat Counselman, Chuck Hirsch, Tania Rossi, Damian Ferrence, Dena Hurguy, Lou Koenig, Amy Granfors, Joe Settupane, Melanie Copfer, Sinh Nguyen, Megan Gorbett, Gloria Luburger, Kristina Guy, Bryan McCarthy, Ellen Lisy, Leigh Cullen, Katie Schriener, Rick Buzinski, Shaji Arumpanayil, Lisa Belle, Joe Blatnik, Katherine Komar, Cassie Belle, Ashley Burkhart, and Linda Kawentel

Greetings everyone,

Finally, our first newsletter of 2003! Okay, I'll admit it, I was a little slow getting this article to Eva for the completion of the Pelican, which caused production to slow down a bit. Please accept my apologies.

To be honest, I kept waiting for inspiring words of wisdom to fall into my lap, but the longer I waited, the harder it was to put words into thoughts. After all, the season of Lent is upon us...the season that truly challenges us to reflect not only on our lives, but also on the sacrifice Jesus made for each and every one of us.

And then, at last, I found the words I was looking for. As part of my daily routine, I log onto the "Homily of the Day" - part of Catholic Exchange Website. The Gospel for this particular day was from Mark chapter 10. Monsignor Dennis Clark, Ph.D., who writes each Homily, points out specifically the verse that states, "For man it is impossible, but not for God. With God all things are possible." He then goes onto say,

**"No matter how entrenched we are in going the wrong way on a one way street, God can show us the signposts and can help us reverse course. God not only can, but he wants to, as quickly as possible, with all the urgency of a devoted father. God can do that for us if we'll only stop, look, and listen.**

**Why not try it? Stop, look, and listen. God has wonderful things to show and tell you, things that can change your life."**

How simply, but profoundly stated – stop, look, and listen. Didn't we learn those basic rules as children? These words hit me like a ton of bricks – wheat bricks – in fact. I have been so wrapped up in the craziness of every day life, that I haven't taken real time stop, look, and listen. So that's my plan for this Lenten season – to truly be thankful for those wonderful things that God has been trying to show and tell me, but I haven't taken the time to see.

What about you – how will each of you **STOP, LOOK, and LISTEN** this Lenten season?

May the Peace of Christ be with you,

Leigh Cullen

## Tec 60 Reflections

My name is Mike Yako. I am 17 years old, and a senior at Holy Name High School. I had never heard about Tec or even knew what it was until a few weeks before Tec 60. My friends and other members from my youth group, St. Charles, had been constantly asking me to go. So finally I gave in and agreed to go. They told me that Tec was a retreat, but in keeping with the "TEC secrecy" they refused to tell me much more. I'm usually very open to going on retreats or trying new things, but this wasn't my ideal way of spending the last weekend of Christmas break. I arrived at TEC bright and early on Friday morning, still not really having a clue what it was all about. When I got there my attitude quickly turned more positive. I was lucky because I knew many people who were working and attending the retreat. Our priest was also from my parish. Fr. Joe, our priest, and Damian, our seminarian musician, are two people I definitely look up to. Just having them there meant the retreat was going to be a blast. I was also happy to be at TEC because all of the leaders and directors. They were so happy and everyone was incredibly inviting. Everyone there seemed to have a smile on their face and was ready to get the day started. I was ready to go too! I was ready to go right to breakfast and then back to sleep! I survived though and ended up having a really good time. The first day of TEC, Die Day, was full of awesome witnesses and fun events. It still remained somber though because of what the day stood for. I went to bed that night being happy with my decision to come on TEC, but still feeling something was missing. The next day we were woken up bright and early by singing and guitar playing. Saturday seemed to be much better than Friday. Everyone seemed to be happier and more comfortable. The day was going by really fast. We had heard some great witness's and were having a great time. I was touched, and I definitely started to get more into the retreat. My friends told me to expect surprises. I wondered what could be more surprising then what happened, but it got better yet. As the day and night went on we were met with many other wonderful events. (You just have to go on TEC to find out if you have not made one yet!) Finally we were lifting up our prayers and voices at Eucharistic Adoration. Adoration was definitely the perfect ending to a perfect day. Finally go day came. Go day was a very sad day. We got into our groups and realized how much the retreat had changed us. We knew that we had made new friends and many unforgettable memories. The day, and the retreat was ended with a final Mass. Everyone was sad to leave, but we knew it was time. We all went back to our normal lives and families. I realized how happy I was that I went on the retreat, and also realized that there was no better way I could have spent my weekend. I plan to go on the next TEC, but this time I hope to be a member of the team. I hope that I can help people the way that TEC helped



me.

March for Life in Washington D.C. January  
22, 2003

By Beth Davidson

I recently had the opportunity to attend the March for Life in D.C. for the first time. My experiences of the day were amazing, but to sum it up in one phrase I think to the quote made by Saint Francis of Assisi, "Preach the gospel at all times, if necessary use words." For this march no words were necessary, the thousands of people who gathered for the pro-life movement was a powerful statement enough. I put into perspective for me that we truly are one body, one body in Christ. We gathered from all walks of life to be the living, breathing tabernacle. Jesus had a face, Jesus had arms, and Jesus marched through us.

Our mission was to be there for God and to be there as representatives of His children. It didn't matter whether they were the aborted, the disabled, the forgotten, the lonely, the poor, the neglected, the elderly, whatever. The bottom line was that each is a child of God and each is created in the image and likeness of God.

The closer to God I become the more clarity I find. It is just so simple - I believe in God and I believe in His Church - and to me that is non negotiable. It is to either be or not to be, and I have chosen to be. But in choosing to be, I am called to live out my faith to the fullest. So, although going to D.C. and boldly witnessing was awesome, I know that if I am to "preach the gospel at all times" it cannot end there. In fact, that is just the beginning. It wasn't about going to D.C. and marching, but about being a young, Christian woman who lives her faith each day by what the gospels and the Church teach. I am called to take this experience and find how it can be taken to a daily and practical level. I feel such a calling to active ministry in the Church. What that is exactly I am not sure, but I know there are many opportunities out there to get involved, and I trust that I will be led to the right place.

## Upcoming Events

✝ Saturday, April 26, 2003 We Are A Resurrected People Day of Retreat for ALL TECites! Join us for the first ever day of retreat for all who have made a TEC in the past. We thought that taking a day for us to pray, come together as a community and revive what we experienced on our TEC's was needed for the TEC community. This day of retreat will have different mediations, time for prayer and fellowship, food, and a lot of fun. So why not set some time aside and join us for a fantastic day! Check out the link found on our website for more information!

✝ SAVE THE DATE: TEC #61 JULY 18 - 14 at St. Leonard's Youth Retreat Center. JULY 15th Mass begin at 6:00 pm.



## PRAYER CORNER

Please keep in your prayers...

- + Ellen Lisy's Mother, Denise, who has passed away February 25. Please continue to keep the Lisy family in your prayers
- + Sharon Patton (TEC#58) who suffered a heart attack.
- + Megan Blatnik (TEC#58) who is in preterm labor.
- + For world leaders as they talks and negotiating on the difficult decision on whether or not we go to war.
- + For the service men and women risking their lives for us and for the betterment of our country. May their actions help bring the world to a stronger sense of piece and security. And let us also pray for the families left behind...that they may be able to cope and stay courageous during these difficult times
- + The TEC community for God's grace, peace, and guidance.

## Announcements:

**Tetelisti:** A Passion Play starring many TEC members.

The doors open 1 hour before every performance. All shows for Fridays and Saturdays begin at 8:00pm and Sunday begins at 3:00pm, EXCEPT where noted.

✝ St. Joseph Church 322 Third Street, S.E. Massillon, OH 44646 (330) 833-4907 *March 21, 22, 23 Sunday show: 2pm*

✝ St. Joseph Church 12700 Pearl Road Strongsville, OH 44136 (440) 238-5555 *March 28, 29, 30*

✝ Sacred Heart 509 Oswald Drive Toledo, OH 43605 (419) 698-1664 *April 4, 5, 6 Sunday show: 2pm*

✝ Our Lady of Peace 12503 Buckingham Avenue Shaker Heights, OH 44120 (216) 421-4211 *April 11, 12, 13*

✝ Fairlawn Lutheran 3415 West Market Street Fairlawn, OH 44333 (330) 836-7286 *April 17, 18*

## Congratulations to ...

☞☞ *Amy and Jerry Cirino on the birth of their son Joseph in early December!*

☞☞ *Kevin Kess and Stephanie Fazio who will be wed on May 3, 2003*

☞☞ *Deanna Rini and Chad Mikin who will be wed on June 14, 2003*

☞☞ *Megan and Joe Blatnik who are expecting a baby girl in April*