



The Pelican

North Coast Spirit TEC

Summer 2008

Unless a grain of wheat falls to the earth and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. John 12:24

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A word from our Chairperson...

The Year of Paul and TEC!

"He [*Paul*] lived and worked for Christ; he suffered and died for him. How current is his example today." Pope Benedict XVI.

Hello... sounds like living out the Paschal Mystery to me!!

Eight years ago my life was quite a bit different. My daughter had made TEC 48 (January 2000) and she *told* me that I just *had* to come to this retreat weekend called TEC!! So, in July 2000 I found myself driving up to St Leonard's with 3 teens from my parish! Walk down memory lane with me for your story is probably very similar to mine...

Ahhh! being greeted by a group of very very happy people who tried to take your belongings? Playing goofy ice breakers wondering ...what am I doing here? Being quite uncomfortable for at least Friday...if not longer as you opened yourself to a moment with Jesus? And to quote my friend Andrew ... what about Wheat?! But also what about Reconciliation...Eucharist...Liturgy... Reunion...Adoration? We each spent time with Christ, fed by His Body & Blood, received His forgiveness in Reconciliation and were encouraged and challenged to go out and be witnesses to the message of Love. There are so many faces within this

community that come to mind...all witnesses! On this anniversary of my first TEC I want to thank the community for being amazing Pauls...people who work tirelessly in their homes, in their parishes and in this TEC community to constantly share Jesus Christ ... You are amazing! Thank you!

However like Paul there are struggles and challenges even persecutions for stepping out and following Him. Use Paul as a model building unity and harmony...finding our commonality and celebrating our differences. We are a diverse group of people... but we choose to love as God ...no matter the cost... Paul's passion to share the Word of God is our example!! We are running the race of our lives...daily there are conversions... and I am very thankful for those who have run with

me on my journey... Paul is the Man! What a year this will be!

There are a number of Community Events coming up! We have wrapped our Community Picnic around the Summer Comeback this time. Mark your calendars for July 20th at St Joe's!! Come for the day or for any part of...there will be Mass, Entertainment, Reflection, Adoration and of course... food and friends! In addition NCS TEC is having a booth at the FEST! August 3rd at CPL to share the secret of TEC with 25,000 people!! Look for more details within the Pelican!

Enjoy your Summer! Our hearts and prayers go out to all who are moving through different transitions... graduating high school...going off to college... graduating college... discerning the next step in their lives... listening to His plan whatever it may be!! God's blessings to all!

—Pat Counselman

The Pelican is back...

It has been decided that the Pelican will be released twice a year! We will produce the Pelican after the January and July TECs. If you would like to assist in defraying the cost of the Pelican, you can in two ways: keep us updated on address changes via pelican@northcoasttec.com. You can also make financial donations to: The Pelican, 348 Paul Street, Bedford, OH, 44146. (Make checks addressed to North Coast Spirit TEC).

Welcome to those who made TEC 80 & 81!:

Matthew Armbruster	Kristen Camputaro
Kaitlin Chervenak	Maura Fahey
Amanda Gannon	Dylan Halladay
Kelly Hartnett	Lisa Kondzer
Brianna Maloney	Andrew McQuillen
Michelle Mooren	Eric Painter
Jillian Rini	Kristina Rynties
Angela Shaniuk	Maria Shaniuk
Maria Witmer	Stephanie Brown
Julie Kalista	Sean Kramer
Dolores Banach	Diane Kepic
Michael McCoy	Marlene Rodgers
Kathleen Viancourt	MaryLouise Ognibene
Matthew Armbruster	Kristen Camputaro
Gracie Ehrbar	Stephanie Kurtz
Celia Joyce	Corey Lexa
Marie Luciano	Mary McCarthy
Keri McManus	Sarah Mullee
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Katie Schuerger	Mary Semenczuk
Kaitie Snyder	Frank Viancourt
Jessica Zienkowski	Rebecca Chirdon
Chad Heck	Gabriel Kriz
Paul Shaniuk	Diana Stopak
Lauren Zaun	Peter Cardello
Janet Cox	Elaine Gaughan
Debra Januszewski	Rose Rambacher
Lyla Wooten	Jordan Cole

How great is our God!

Greetings all! I hope all of you are having a refreshing and renewing summer! I wanted to take this opportunity to personally invite all of you to our TEC Summer Picnic!!! The NCS TEC Board members including myself wanted this event to be a unique, prayerful and entertaining day so here's our plan:

★ TEC 81 COMEBACK begins the day at 2pm – Both teams as well as new tecites will gather as usual to process the weekend and their 4th day!

★ 3:30pm - Community MASS of THANKSGIVING

★ Food and refreshments – We will provide the main part of the meal---just bring side dishes to share

★ 5:30pm – Entertainment --- IMPROV by RYAN MANN & JAKE BEARER! I had the opportunity to see THEM in action

and they are really talented and gifted guys

★ 7:00PM A REFLECTION ON THE EUCHARIST from STUEBENVILLE! (Little spunky nuns!!!) The sisters are truly inspirational and uplifting.

★ 8:00pm ending our evening a FESTIVAL OF PRAISE!

Sound awesome??? We think so!!

When will this happen??? SUNDAY, JULY 20th!!!!

Where? ST. JOE'S IN STRONGSVILLE (Of Course!!!)

Please continue to pray for one another as we journey along. . .I'm so proud to be a part of this community. As spiritual director, I am proud of all that we do as a community to bring those who are searching to Jesus! Never take for granted the influence that we can have through Jesus on those who are struggling, lost or wounded. May God bless each and every one of you. HOPE TO SEE YOU JULY 20th!!! —Father B

TEC board news...The board would like to take a minute to thank Lauren Cook, who served as a Youth Representative on the North Coast Spirit TEC board. Her current term is up as of July 1st, 2008. Thank you for your input and hard work for the TEC community. We look forward to seeing you serve on future weekends! The board is currently discerning a new Youth Representative as of print time for the Pelican...PLEASE keep this and the NCS TEC board in your daily prayers.

A special thank you to those who have served on TEC 80 and those serving on TEC 81:

Nick Naugle, Katherine Komar, Fr Tim Kalista, Chris Chodaczek, Christine Kertis, Meghan Baron, Greg Yurick, Sarah Wedel, Norm Bennett, Linda Ciarrone, Michelle Kramer, Lisa Manocchio, Colby Popik, Krystle Menefee, Andrea Klonowski, Kelly McCoy, Kyle Kiffer, Marcus Naugle, Debbie McCarthy, Kevin Kess, Christine Shipley, Gina Augusta, Nancy Zajac, David Viancourt, Kathy Goglin, Fegg Roberts, Dan Fitzmaurice, Nikki Rodgers, Carolyn Kertis, Amanda Houska

Kristin Fennell, Sam LoFaso, Fr. Barry Gearing, Michelle Moscarino, Sarah Viancourt, Rachel Borden, Debbie Werner, Jurell Sison, Christina Fufari, John Psaras, Nancy Zajac, Alex Zoloty, Mike Francesangelo, Craig Sidol, Beth Kostrencic, John P. Gallagher, Scott Rezabeck, Brianna Maloney, Angela Shaniuk, Pat Counselman, Bridget Dolan, Jessica Chodaczek, David Liptak, Patrick McCarthy, Doug Januszewski, Kurt Zabor, Maria Stopak, Lauren Cook, Lauren Wooten, Rachel Ignasiak, Colby Popik

We apologize in advance for any spelling errors, omissions, or errors in the names on this page! This newsletter was printed prior to TEC 81, so therefore it may be missing or have additional participants.

Come to HELP Clean-up...

We need help after every TEC. If volunteers do not come to help, the very tired team members must stay and clean. There are a few volunteers who come after every TEC. Now its time for you to lend a hand. Clean-up crew meets around 2:00PM in the kitchen of the retreat center. Remember there is still a retreat going on when you are there, please do not interfere with the completion of their weekend.

Remember: If you work Main Team on the previous weekend, you are committed to clean-up on the next weekend!



Upcoming Events:

July 20th:

—Mass at 3:30PM at Saint Joe's (fulfilling your Sunday obligation!),. Followed from 5-8PM with potluck dinner (hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided), entertainment, a pie eating contest, etc. We will then end the night at 8PM with a FOP!

If you have any suggestion for TEC events or would like to have your event listed please email Lisa Manocchio (angel11883@yahoo.com) or Kurt Zabor (kurtzabor@yahoo.com) our Young Adult Representatives.

August 3rd:

—We will have booth at the FEST! (Volunteers are needed). We will be joining the diocese at the Center for Pastoral Leadership!

September

—We are looking to set-up a caravan to the FOP in Steubenville (Details to follow)



PRAYER CORNER...

We ask that as you look at this corner of the Pelican...that you take a moment to say a prayer for the intentions of all those in the TEC community. In a special way say a prayer for the formation of TEC 80! Prayer intentions can be emailed to the TEC community via the TEC list-serve. If you are not currently receiving emails from the TEC community and would like to be part of the list, please email Grant Winney at : grantwinney@sbcglob.net

—Peace in Christ!



Wheat Letters:

Throughout the TEC weekend, letters from the TEC community are read out loud to the TECites. These letters, which are meant to show support to the new TECites, are not written to individual TECites but rather to the group as a whole. Letters to individuals TECites are given on Rise Day (Saturday) only and are given as part of the Wheat bags. Letters will not be given to individuals TECites at any other time during the weekend.

When sending letters for the wheat bag please remember that the focus should be on the new TECites. With this in mind, please make writing letters to the TECites your priority over writing to the Main Team. Please do not send letters for Wheat.

Please get your Wheat, Die, Rise, and go Day letters to the Lay Director of the weekend or someone on the team. (This information is normally emailed out a week to two weeks before the weekend) Hand-written letters are always preferred.

Remember: When sending in items for Wheat bags, please limit them to letters, notes, and prayer cards. Please do not send in any type of food or individual gift for TECites.

TEC has a website! Check it at www.northcoasttec.com

Check out the NEW TECite application:

As some of you have noticed there is a new set of TECite applications effective TEC 81! There is a teen/young adult application and a separate adult application. Please have your future TECite fill out the appropriate application so that they may counted for the next weekend. If you have any questions about TECite applications or the correct form, please check out the TEC website or contact Stephanie Kess at snkess@yahoo.com.

Board Meeting Dates:

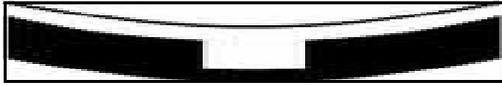
All board meeting are open to the community. They are currently held at St. Leo the Great from 7-9 PM!

Monday, July 14th

Monday, September 29th

Monday, October 27th

We asked our new three TEC priests to share some thoughts, praise, and thanksgiving with the TEC community in celebration of their ordination into the priesthood. You can read



their words on this page and continued onto the next...

-Father Joe-

Recently I was asked to write an article about myself. I decided to write about my personal experience of TEC. I was raised in a Catholic home. I have an older sister, Corrie, who is married to Mark and they have a one-year old son, Ryan. I also have a younger brother, Matt, who married to Eileen, his high school sweetheart. Upon graduating Orange High School, I entered Gannon University in Erie, PA. It was there that I got involved with the Erie TEC community and spent time in discernment for the priesthood. I studied Mechanical Engineering at Gannon, but eventually knew I wanted to experience the seminary. I transferred to Borromeo Seminary in Cleveland, where I completed my engineering degree and then continued on to St. Mary Seminary. There I spent five years studying theology and was just ordained this May 10th.



Looking back TEC was really influential in my spiritual journey, especially in my discernment of priestly life. I made my TEC ten years ago this November, Erie TEC 11. When I made my TEC, Erie's program had just begun. It had branched off from Cleveland's program and it was still in its infancy stage. There were many Clevelanders who helped get it off the ground and continue to be supportive of Divine Mercy TEC.

There were many powerful moments from that weekend. Like every weekend it took a while for it to get going. First there were those icebreakers. If anyone knows anything about me - I hate icebreakers! But, once the talks started the weekend turned out to be fine. First, Friday night was amazing. After going to confession, my college friend and I went outside to pray. It was so powerful. I remember the two of us going outside and

giving unadulterated praise to God. It was one of those moments in life that you knew God was with you.

On Saturday, I was definitely still on a spiritual high. That afternoon, when the wheat team appeared, I experienced the love of Christ. I got it! I remembered their team name was the Useless Servants and I remember crying and thinking in my head "You are not useless." I had never experienced something so loving from strangers in my life. I thought it could not get any better. But, I was wrong.

Saturday night was so special. Putting aside the gathering and the initiation, adoration was the highlight (as it is with most people). I remember kneeling before the Eucharistic and just thinking how special of a moment it was for me. It reconfirmed its centrality in my life, and it reminded me how awesome God is. That night I could not fall asleep as I was replaying the events of the two previous days. I can honestly say that the first two days were so special that I do not remember much of Sunday!!

Since making TEC, I have found that my spirituality was refined by that retreat. Not only did it provide a great setting for Catholics to experience the love and power of God, but it also gave us a strong community to be supported with. Like in Cleveland, many Erie seminarians are Tecites. You saw the community support and respect for these young men. But, for me it was great to see authenticity in the seminarians. It helped me realize that candidates for the priesthood are still guys who enjoy life.

-Father Ed-

First off, thank you to everyone in the North Coast Spirit TEC community! I

Mass of Thanksgiving...

On June 1, 2008 the TEC community came together to celebrate the ordination of three priests who have been members of our community: Ed Suszynski, Mike McCandless and Joe Brankatelli. On this particular Sunday at St. Joseph Church these three men co-celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving. During the Mass, Father Ed Suszynski gave a homily describing how the gospel could be related to TEC. He stressed the idea that we should all strive to be true Disciples of Christ with the acronym "What Would Jesus' Disciple Do?" (WWJDD). Father Ed also mentioned that on the back of our TEC crucifixes the words "Christ is counting on you" calls us to live lives of true discipleship.

At the end of mass Father Barry gave the newly ordained priests some words of wisdom. Although Father Barry was interrupted by the fire alarm going off in the church, he didn't let that get in the way of wishing the priests the best of luck. Father Ed, Father Mike, and Father Paul II that Pat Counselman found while in Rome. The community was then invited to receive First Blessings from father Ed, Father Mike or Father Joe... or all three if they wished. There was a reception afterwards where everyone enjoyed great food, conversation and the company of one another. —Rachel Borden



am so grateful and feel abundantly blessed to be a part of the community! Your prayers, support, and the friendships I have gained have enriched my life and enriched my vocation in ways I never thought it would. I think I realized this once again at the TEC Mass of Thanksgiving Sunday, June 1st. I don't think I quite have the words to describe the joy and happiness I had when I looked out and saw your faces at Mass.

Priesthood itself has been more than I expected in a very good way. All these years of seeking, praying, and thinking about what priesthood would be like pale in comparison to the reality. Hearing Confessions for the first time, celebrating funerals, celebrating the Anointing of the Sick, doing Communion calls, and of course celebrating Mass; in all of these I have experienced God's presence alive and working in this world in such a profound way. Before I was ordained I wanted to be a priest, now I'm thankful



This support and community has continued in Cleveland's program. Now that I am ordained I cannot wait to celebrate the sacraments on the TEC weekends. This is an awesome vocation!!! In light of wanting to share my experiences and the journey, as a means of evangelization I have started a blog (www.FatherEdS.blogspot.com), to give others an insight into what I'm experiencing and in hopes that I can be a support to those considering a vocation in the Church.

In conclusion, again thank you to everyone who has prayed for me and my classmates. Vocations don't happen in vacuums, they happen in communities! I cannot imagine this journey of faith without you. May God bless you all!!!

-Father Mike-

Carrying bricks in your apron while serving on Wheat...spontaneous adoration moments for a TECite...chugging out the chords to "Rise...sing to your God" just once more on "Rise Day"... witness words from the heart that you

hope have a little staying power in the minds of those listening...strumming my guitar as loudly as possible while dodging pillows during the morning wake up ritual...Agape meals – need more be said here?...the walks, rosaries, and discussions of faith at night after the intensity of the day...the inevitable question of each weekend: "Why does that person keep going downstairs?" and then sputtering a response back... Adoration – again, need more be said about the wonderful praise that has happened in those hours...reunion words of welcome into the community that has been a gift to us all...all these and more are a collection of what reminds and keeps alive the "sailing ship" of TEC. Tec has been a great family - a family of believers who are on fire and burning bright! TEC has as its mission the sharing of God's unfathomable love, and for me personally I have experienced some very deep moments of being touched by God while amidst a TEC weekend and have watched as others have encountered



Him similarly.

Privileged to be one of God's priests now, I look forward to TEC Masses, confessions, reunions...yes, even from St. Mary in Painesville. The modern Church searches desperately for ways to reach the energetic and creative youth of our Church. They are yearning for God in many ways, amidst many other appealing distractions...and TEC is an invitation from Christ that meets them within their search and invites them into a new world of companionship with the Lord and His Church. It is the only companionship that truly satisfies. In my own life, when I made TEC 56 as a junior at Borromeo Seminary, I had memories of this very invitation being made real and calling me to love deeper.

The TEC Mass of Thanksgiving was an awesome event – I am so thankful to have a chance to see many who I have spent time with on past retreats and those who are new as well. It rejuvenated me and reminded me to stay involved often as a priest. My thanks to all those who arranged and invited Fr. Ed, Fr. Joe, and I to be with you in the celebration of the Eucharist. May God bless you and the entire TEC community. See you soon! Peace of Christ.

This, that and the

- Congratulations to Evamarie (TEC 36) and Jeff Mickol expecting a baby girl in July.
- Welcome home to Ron and Barb Moner, who recently moved back to the Cleveland area.
- Congratulations to Gabe (TEC 70) and Alexander (TEC 73) Bewley for their graduation from Army Infantry Basic Training this past May.
- Congratulations to Paul and Melissa Koenig on their marriage this past May!
- Happy 25th wedding anniversary this July to Ann and Bryan McCarthy

If you would like your good news shared in the next issue of the Pelican please email it t:

pelican@northcoasttec.com



Thanks to all who helped make this edition of the Pelican possible!!!!

NCS TEC Reunion 101!!

✠ We are inviting new friends into our community and although it can be a pleasant surprise, care should be taken not to accentuate this too much!! Our goal is NOT to have the tecites look like Bambi in headlights!! To this end we are trying something different starting with this TEC. You will be given the name of a tecite or two at Mass and it will then be your job to seek out that person and introduce yourself and make them feel welcomed into the TEC family.

✠ The intro of each tecite and team should be carried out in a manner that each is affirmed and welcomed without undue attention to one group or individual. The operative word is UNDU... and here's what the Board is saying – when introducing a person no more than 3 people will be permitted to be up front. Please know this is not to take away from your family member or friend but rather to give all a similar welcome!! Also we are asking that there be no hooting or hollering for specific parishes and finally and most importantly that we focus on the evening and keep the side conversations at a minimum!

✠ At the end of the evening we all know how chaotic it can be! After Adoration the Spiritual Director of the weekend will share a few words about the weekend with all of us. After he is done we will gather in some semblance of a circle with the lights dimmed & the Christ Candle held and our evening together will end with one last song. The team and tecites will file out to the chapel while the rest of us will begin to leave so that we can continue our visiting at the restaurant of our choice!

Application for Serving on Teens Encounter Christ Retreat Teams

Name:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Phone #:	
Email address:	
Parish:	

=Practicing Catholic: YES__ NO__

(Sunday Mass and regular sacraments)

Check One:

Teen___

Young Adult (18-30)___

Adult___

Prior TEC Information: I made TEC#: ___ Last TEC I worked #: ___

Prior Teams	
Roles	
Talks	

Desired Position: (Please Mark 1st, 2nd, 3rd, choices using numbers)

	Main	Wheat	Reunion
Lay Director			
Asst. Lay Director			
Spiritual Director			
Asst. Spiritual Dir.			
Team Member			
Musician			
Gopher	Main	Wheat	
Peace Talk			

Talk: (Growth & Ideals; God Experience; Paschal Mystery; God, Community of Love; Church, People of God; Christian Life; Signs; Mary, Mother of God; Young Christian as Disciple) _____

Explain why you want to work this TEC:

If you have any questions please contact: Fr Barry Gearing at 440-238-5555, Pat Counselman at 440-255-5861, or Rich Liptak at 440-888-4081.

Applications must be received by the Wednesday after Comeback to the prior TEC to be considered. Please mail or email the following address:

Rich Liptak
5845 Lotusdale
Parma Heights, OH 44130



Upcoming Dates:

July 12th, 2008 Reunion (6PM) **July 13th**, 2008 Clean-up (2PM)
July 23rd, 2008: Applications for Discernment are due for
the October TEC.

Oct. 10-12th, 2008 TEC Weekend-- Saint Leonard's Retreat Center

October 11th , 2008 Reunion (6PM)

October 12th , 2008 Clean-up (2PM)

October 22nd , 2008: Applications for Discernment are due for
the January TEC.

Jan. 23-25th, 2009 TEC Weekend-Saint Leonard's Retreat Center

January 24th , 2009 Reunion (6PM)

January 25th, 2009 Clean-up (2PM)



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