



The Pelican

North Coast Spirit TEC

Summer 2009

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...

These last few months I have found myself walking down memory lane...thinking back to the TEC I made 9 years ago...Boy, did that start an amazing faith journey within North Coast Spirit TEC for me... from my first wheat with Sam Harakal as our fearless Lay Director to my first weekend working Main Team giving my first meditation, God Community of Love... all experiences that drew me deeper into relationship with Jesus through the people and challenges that were placed before me! Oh, the stories we could tell!

It's been quite the ride these past 6 years as your chairperson and with each step I acknowledge my inexperience and my mistakes. There definitely was NOT a manual on how to be chairperson of NCS TEC. It was a 'learn as you go' method! And I am sure that I stepped on toes; that I hurt some within this community. If it was you please accept

my deepest apologies. I am sorry for any hurt or pain that I may have caused but please know it was never deliberate.

I cannot forget also how this community has enriched and enhanced my faith journey. You all have been so patient with me as we figured out what God wanted for us all! I have loved the Days of Reflection, the Community Picnic, the Blanket Run, the Hayrides at Frantisaks, the booth at the FEST, the monthly Festival of Praises... all the different experiences beyond our four weekends each year! I remember reading once that every person and experience created by God in our lives is there to bring us closer to Him and boy, that's so true.

Thanks so much for the ride! This community has been such a gift in my life and I am thankful and humbled that I was blessed to be your chairperson.

Thanks to all who have been part of the NCS TEC Board...past and present. You are an incredible group of people! The work that you do to make sure that each weekend and each event is done makes my job so much easier. A special thanks goes out to Fr Tony Sejba and Fr Barry Gearing, past and present Spiritual Directors of TEC for you were indispensable to our growth and success. Actually and honestly none of this could have happened without each one of you within the community... Thank you!

I cannot believe it has been six years. It seems like a blink ...like just yesterday!! I am so proud to be a part of NCS TEC. Thanks for the memories!

This December may signal the end to my term but I believe we are right on track and ready to move forward with Nick Naugle as our next Chairperson. Be gentle on him! Love him as you have me and trust that through him we will be guided to bring many more teens to a personal encounter with Christ!

Peace and Love to all!

—Pat Counselman

Welcome to those who made TEC 84 & 85!

Amy Gould	Abby Glass
Ashley Rickman	Chris Lamb
Kyle Stroemple	Doug Waugh
Winfred Robinson	Jessica Carrion
Mary Matisak	Kacie Weaver
Andrew Balogh	Monica Schaffer
Bart Thomas	Ashley Cifani
Dan Baron	William Cerha
Tina Cerha	Pat Farrell

Aaron Andujar	Sophia Ciaravino
Courtney Hasson	Geramee Hensley
Katie Hiti	Erin Horomanski
Julie Kane	Freddy Keppler
Mauraith Maloney	Lindsay Marra
Casey McCoy	Carly Sidol
Kahlie Siedel	Kirsten Siedel
Joey Sison	Jennifer Brobst
Kelly Kish	Maria Rozum
Angela Smudz	Julie Spehar
Katie Corbett	Joan Houlahan
Aneete Klanac	Lisa Luciano
Lisa McManus	Cheryl Rickman

A word from Father Barry...

Greetings!

In January, 2009 the Miracle on the Hudson dominated the air waves and had media coverage from every angle for months. You probably remember that Captain Chelsey "Sully" Sullenberger landed his U.S. Airways flight 1549 in the Hudson River. All 155 passengers and crew members lived to tell about it. This was truly a phenomenal feat. Talk about the ultimate "RISE DAY" experience!



As I am writing this article I am thinking about this Sunday's readings. We are all familiar with the Gospel of the woman with the hemorrhage and the raising of Jairus' daughter. Sullenberger and his crew PRESERVED THE LIVES of those flying with them. Jesus BROUGHT BACK TO LIFE two females, one literally and one figuratively in this Gospel. People on flight 1549 didn't get to pick their pilot! Lucky for them they had one of the best. The females in today's Gospel were brought back to life because of CHOICE and FAITH. The young girls' father chose to seek Jesus out to help his daughter, and he chose to overcome his fear. The woman with the hemorrhage sought Jesus for the purpose of being cured. She overcame her FEAR and witnessed to her faith.

Many times we know of tecites who often have to overcome their FEAR and CHOOSE to make a weekend! What an awesome act of faith it takes to journey into the unknown! Many of us can recall those last few days or hours leading up to a weekend! Remember all of the "things" that would come up at the last minute? Yet somehow some way we were "piloted" to the weekend by the Holy Spirit. (Or our pesky friends and relatives!)

It is in these weekends that the miracles occurs. We are healed of our spiritual wounds and experience the Resurrection! God is truly the captain and we are his crew and he is going to pilot us through all the challenges that life can offer us. If we choose Him, if we count on Him, he is going to safely guide us to where we belong. Not into the Hudson River but into ETERNAL LIFE! Amen!

Please continue to invite your friends and family members to the ride of their lives! Challenge them to hop on board the TEC boat! (Or, for the purpose of this article, the TEC 747!) Let Jesus the Eternal Captain of our Crew raise them up!

That's all for now! God Bless!

A special thank you to those who have served on TEC 84 and those serving on TEC 85:

We apologize in advance for any spelling errors, omissions, or errors in the names on this page! This newsletter was printed prior to TEC 85, so therefore it may be missing or have additional participants.

Chritine Shipley, Kurt Zabor, Fr Ed Suszynski, Philip Lombardo, Craig Sidol, Kelly McCoy, Eric Sidol, Krista Sison, Carolyn Apperson-Hansen, Pete Cardello, Fran Zielaskiewiz, Maggie Weizer, Daren Michalski, Jon Hejny, Jude Macfarlane, Laura Manocchio, Andrew McQuikllen, Jullian Rini, Sam LoFaso, Megan Thomas, Marcus Naugle, Norm Bennett, Mary McCarthy, Andrea Klonowski, Teresa Flores, Debbie Werner, Nancy Zajac, Jessica Pehmoeller, Angie Arumpanayil

Nick Naugle, Desiree Gould, Fr Joe Brankatelli, Jeff Liptak, Michelle Moscarino, Carolyn Kertis, Greg Yurick, Julia Whidden, Megan Thomas, Grace Himmelright, Maury Petrak, Ashley Cifani, Dan Fitzmaurice, Anthony DiMarino, Maribeth Keppler, Brianna Maolney, Jane Koch, Nikki Rodgers, Mark Spehar, Pat Counselman, Craig Sidol, Fr. Barry Gearing, Dana Colacarro, Matt McDonald, Kelsey Bersuder, Amy Gould, Kelly Hartnett, Mary Matisak, Mike McCoy, Krista Sison, Jordan Slavik

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

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!



This, that and the other...

- Heather Hawk (TEC 50) married David Frank on June 12, 2009.
- Nick (TEC 45) and Erin (TEC 52) Naugle welcomed their first child, Grace Christine in February.
- Sarah Cortell (TEC 63) graduated from Boston University with a BA in art history. She will attend OSU in the fall for a MA in arts policy and ad
- Ted Schaffer (TEC 71) married Becky Laino in November.
- Lisa and Ben Baranovic had a son Aiden Joseph in December.
- Kevin (TEC 52) and Stephanie (TEC 36) welcomed their third child, Ethan Paul on February 9, 2009.
- Tim Roth graduated from John Carroll University and Borromeo Seminary in May as is entering St Mary's Seminary in August.
- Shaun and Kristin Fennell welcomed Adam Lawrence in April.
- Paul and Melissa Koenig also welcomed Madeline Rose in April
- Keri McManus (TEC 81) and Kelly McCoy graduated from Strongsville High School in June.
- Sarah (Wedel) and Doug Novak married this past May.
- Congratulations to Desiree Gould who will be taking over the editor duties of the Pelican come this January

Board News:

- **Board Members:** We would like to thank our Youth Representatives for their time and service to the TEC community. Rachel Borden, Kelly McCoy, Andrew Mcquillen, and John P Gallagher's term has expired! We will miss their outstanding input to the TEC board and wish them well...as we know we haven't heard the last from them in this community! We welcome Jordan Slavik, Laura Manocchio, Jude MacFarlane, and Kelsy Bersuder.
- **New picture policy:** After much discussion it was decided that each weekend there will be a camera on the back table and someone will be the designated photographer. Others can bring their cameras but NO Wheat, NO reunion pictures. Pictures can only be taken during breaks and only upstairs/outside by these people! The pictures from the weekend will be uploaded to our website (www.northcoasttec.com) in a timely fashion and then all (including the community) can go there to see them.
- **Team fees:** It has been decided at this time with the rising cost of supplies for TEC weekends that team fees would be raised to \$40.00 for team members. At this time it was decided to leave the TECite fee at \$50.00.
- **Spirit of TEC award:** Be sure to attend the October TEC as the new winners of the spirit of TEC will be announced during Reunion!

TEC has an updated website! Check it at www.northcoasttec.com



Board Meeting Dates:

All board meeting are open to the community. They are currently held at St Adalberts:

Stay tune to the TEC list serve for up dated board meeting dates!

2nd Annual TEC Day of Reflection



On Saturday, March 21, 2009 members of the TEC community gathered at St. Adelbert's for a day of reflection. The day was based on scripture and teachings from St. Paul. Fr. Tim Gereau, Fr. Barry Gearing, and Pat Counselman led the day. Everything started off with a quick breakfast of donuts and coffee around 9 a.m. From there Fr. Tim and Maribeth Keppler presented their meditations on the call to conversion. They shared personal stories of their lives and how they, or people they knew, encountered and accepted Jesus Christ.

Four more meditations were given throughout the day. The call to the cross



was presented by Pete Cardello and Andrea Klonowski, and the call to freedom was presented by Gina Augusta and

Phil Lombardo. Pete and Andrea spoke of the daily crosses, and the life long crosses we as Christians must carry while Gina and Phil spoke of the healing, redemption, love, and ultimate freedom the cross of the Lord holds for us.

Periodically the large group broke off into small groups to discuss the meditations. "I was able to talk with and connect with other community members and get to know them better. I really enjoyed that because at reunion and other TEC events sometimes I don't get to talk to everyone as much as I would like to," says Megan Walsh who attended the day of reflection.

Fr. Barry put together a reflection skit to the song "Amazing Grace-My Chains Are Gone" by Chris Tomlin. The song was especially meaningful because it encompassed the entire meaning of the day; letting Jesus pick up the chains that

hold us back from Him, ultimately



leading us into the freedom of his love, mercy, and amazing grace.

The group attended St. Adelbert's Saturday evening mass and then enjoyed a wonderful dinner prepared by the McCarthy's and the Scullins who also provided lunch. The day ended with a FOP held in the church.



The day of reflection was a great way to reconnect community members as well as prepare the hearts of those who attended for the season of Lent. Everyone is already excited to see what next year's day of reflection will hold!

Year of the Priest...



Our Holy Father Pope Benedict has declared this the Year of the Priest. The Pope states he has declared this great year "to deepen the commitment of all priests to interior renewal for the sake of a more forceful and incisive witness to the Gospel in today's world". Our TEC community is blessed to have many priests who stand in our midst as dedicated witnesses of the Gospel. One such priest is Fr. Tim Kalista, who answered some questions about his priesthood.

What does it mean to you to be a priest "for the TEC Community"?

The joy I have of being a priest for the TEC community is that I have an opportunity to meet so many people throughout the whole diocese. As a parish priest, you have the opportunity to get to know many families at your own parish, but as a priest for the TEC community you meet people throughout the whole Diocese of Cleveland. Another thing that I so love about this community is your willingness to pray for me and for my brother priests. An example of your outpouring of love was shown during my father's death. The cards and prayers he received was awe inspiring to me. I could not ever begin to thank you all enough for your kindness shown to me. These are just a few of the things that I could say about this community, but for brevity's sake I will say this last thing, "Your presence in my life continues to shape me to be the priest God needs me to be."

Pope Benedict has placed this year under the patronage of St. John Vianney. Which saints have influenced your priesthood most and why? The two saints that have shaped my priesthood are St. Faustina Kowalska and St. Ignatius of Loyola. Here is why: St. Faustina demonstrated through her life, and through her commitment to the religious life, that she would do only one thing, and that would be to proclaim the Mercy of God. I vowed, before I was ordained a deacon, that I would take her name as my special patron, and that though my service of preaching, I would always remember to mention, in a special way, Jesus' mercy to the world. I realize that if I want to emulate this great Saint of Mercy, then I must practice what I preach and be available to hear confessions whenever I can. The second saint that I admire is St. Ignatius of Loyola. I admire this man because of his love for offering spiritual guidance to hungry souls searching for Jesus. While I was on retreat with Fr. Benedict Groeschel this past May we had an opportunity to speak, and the one thing that he told me to never stop doing was offering people guidance in the spiritual life. I realize that this task can be daunting, but with the guidance and the influence of St. Ignatius, I am sure that I will be able to continue on this path.

Is there anything else you would like to share with the TEC Community? I would like to thank all of you for your constant prayers for me and for my brother priests. One of the things that we have an opportunity to do in this year of the Year of the Priest is to pray for priests in general or particular. Please remember your parish priests, religious priests, TEC priests, and of course, deceased priests. Please incorporate all of these priests in your prayers throughout this year.

I have often told people that the greatest gift that they can give to me is prayer. I say that because it is prayer that helps me to continue to be renewed in Christ the High Priest. I say "Thank you" to this whole TEC community for allowing me to offer these words as I think about the many and numerous aspects of my life as a priest. May God Bless You always! -- Fr. Timothy David Peter Faustina Ignatius Kalista

Prayer for Our Priest

O Jesus, I pray for Your faithful and fervent priests;
for Your unfaithful and tepid priests;
for Your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields;
for Your tempted priests;
for Your lonely and desolate priests;
for Your young priests;
for Your old priests;
for Your sick and suffering priests;
for Your dying priests;
for the souls of Your priests in purgatory.
But above all I recommend to You the priests dearest to me:
the priest who baptized me;
the priest who absolved me from my sins;
the priests at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion;
the priests who taught and instructed me;
the priests of the TEC Community
all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way.
O Jesus, keep them all close to Your Sacred Heart, and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. Our Lady Queen of Priests, pray for them. Amen.

Your HELP is needed at the FEST!:

TEC will once again have a booth at the FEST this August. Volunteers are needed to work the booth and spread the good news about the TEC community. **The FEST** will be held August 9, 2009 at the Center for Pastoral Leadership. Please contact Kurt or Lisa at their email address below if interested.

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.

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 86! 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@sbcglobe.net

—Peace in Christ!

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 ~~216~~5555, Pat Counselman at ~~419~~55861, or Jack Liptak 21652408800

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

Jack Liptak
5550 Pin Oak Court
Independence, OH 44131
2165240800

Remember the new regulations regarding fingerprints/background checks/VIRTUS information. (This information will be sent to you once you are place on a team!)



Upcoming Dates:

July 22nd, 2009: Applications for Discernment are due for the October TEC.

Oct. 16th-18th, 2009 TEC Weekend-- Ù æ ã } c Á Š ^ [} æ | å q • A

October 16th , 2009 Reunion (Check email for details)

October 17th , 2009 Clean-up (2PM)

October 28th, 2009: Applications for Discernment are due for the January TEC.

January 22-24, 2010 TEC Weekend-- Ù æ ã } c Á Š ^ [} æ | å q • A

January 23rd, 2010 Reunion (Check email for details)

January 24th, 2010 Clean-up (2PM)

February 3rd, 2010: Applications are due for the April Discernment



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