



Teens Encounter Christ - Peoria

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SPECIAL THANKS TO . . .

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My Favorite Season of the Year

Do you have a favorite season of the year? I imagine most of you reading this might respond ‘summer’ because school is out. Well, mine is **SPRING**. Many of you know I love to fish, and April and May are usually pretty good fishing months...if you have time to go that is. Fishing isn’t the only reason I love the springtime.

We have crocus in our front garden. My wife and I have an annual contest to see who notices the first flower popping up. It sure puts smiles on our faces and warms our hearts. It says to us, “**Winter is finally fading. Put the snow blower away.**” What was dead by winter cold is coming back to life with spring freshness. Kind of sounds like our Paschal Mystery doesn’t it? Dying to self brings new life with Christ...like the dead of winter brings forth the life of spring.

I also like the whole idea of seeds and planting. I used to help my Uncle farm and felt so close to God while planting seeds in His earth. I remember one day on the combine planting corn and asking myself what seeds have I planted with my kids lately? The thought wasn’t about the tangible seeds that grow. It was about the seeds of character, seeds of faith, and seeds of growth. I ask myself that often now at TEC. What seeds do I need to plant within you when I give homilies or when I give hugs? We all need to ask ourselves: **Are we planting good seeds in others by our example, our words, and our love?** I pray that we all become better at planting seeds this spring.

Another thing about spring that I enjoy is growth. Well, not so much when I cut the grass on Monday, and it looks like it needs it again on Thursday, but I do enjoy watching the flowers, the bushes, the vegetables, and all the new life grow each spring.

It kind of brings up another spiritual question for us all to ponder: **How much are we growing in our love of God, in our faith, in our spiritual journey?**

When new TECites leave on Monday, we see a beautiful example of growth. It is indeed like springtime each Monday of a TEC weekend. But since we can’t have that experience all the time, we should ask ourselves: **How is our spiritual growing coming along?** We cannot remain stagnant on our faith journey. God wants us to keep growing and becoming more and more like Jesus.

There is one more springtime pleasure I want to share with you. I am sure you have heard the expression “stop and smell the roses.” Well, let’s apply that to the season of spring. Let’s make an attempt everyday to find a new sign of spring and give God the glory for it. Savor the beauty in the flowers, notice the birds playing and singing, watch the farmers planting their crops and enjoying the corn budding and growing. We get so busy in this world of ours that we forget the beauty God gives us in the springtime. Such wonderful signs of God’s love!

I challenge all of you to be **seed planters** for others, to work on your own spiritual growth, and to give God the glory everyday as the beauty of spring unfolds.

God Bless you always,

Deacon Rob

Dates to Remember:

June 12 - 14 @ St. Mark's

July 10 - 12 @ St. Ann's

October 9 - 11 @ St. Phil's

Want to get more involved in TEC but don't know how?

Cook & Serve the team and candidates in the TEC Kitchen!

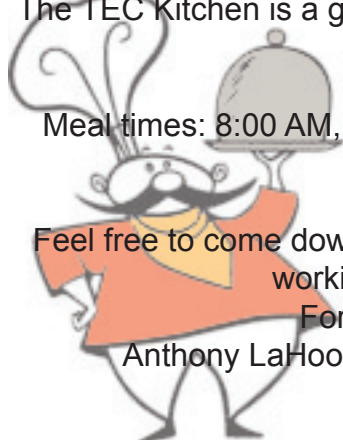
The TEC Kitchen is a great way to get to know people while having lots of fun and doing wheat.

Meal times: 8:00 AM, 12:00 PM and 6:00 PM
try to arrive 30 min. before to help get set up.

Feel free to come down whenever, we're always hard at work (or hardly working) I can't remember which one.

For more information call or email

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“Someone to Watch Over Me”

If you are interested in serving as Door Security on a TEC weekend, please contact

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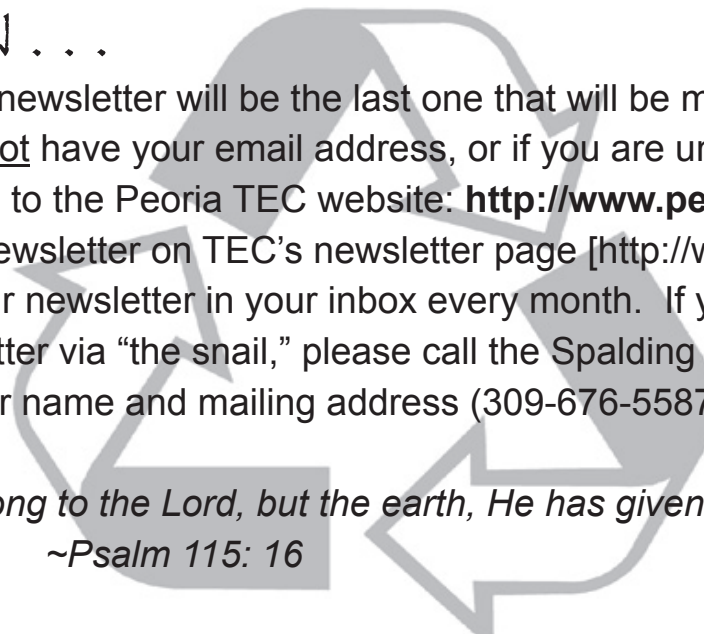
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GOING GREEN . . .

TEC is going green! This newsletter will be the last one that will be mailed “snail mail” style.

If you believe that we do not have your email address, or if you are unsure if we do, please submit your email address to the Peoria TEC website: <http://www.peoriatec.org/update>

You can see the newest newsletter on TEC's newsletter page [<http://www.peoriatec.org/newsletter>]. We'll drop your newsletter in your inbox every month. If you would like to continue receiving the newsletter via “the snail,” please call the Spalding Renewal Center and leave a voicemail with your name and mailing address (309-676-5587).



“The highest heavens belong to the Lord, but the earth, He has given to mankind.”

~Psalm 115: 16



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