

## *July Newsletter -Teens Encounter –Peoria, IL*

### **Please WELCOME TECites From 329**

Elizabeth Horning	Kathy Kellstadt	Kelly McKay
Trina Clark	Shelbi Mays	Taylor Singley
Molly Arnold	Anne Crotteau	Lauren Schaumberg
Monica Disberger	Ally Kemmann	Brianne Murray
Morgan Beal	Brittany Kiefner	Carly Patton
Jessi Gaul	Michelle Kessling	Aubrey Smith
Cara Tracy	Emily Cuffe	Emily Harper

#### **Special Thanks To The Team of 329**

Fr. Terry Cassidy	Jacqueline Jenkins	Kristin Lemm
Chrissy Pratt	Danie Fisher	Sarah Maher
Diane Matheson	Constance Johnson	Theresa Rogers
Mary Jo Zacker	Jeff Matheson	Brianne Henderson
Suzie Meismer	Angi Toland	Bridgette McKown
Elly Cowan	Jenny Praul	Emily Taggart
Joanne Bean	Deacon Rob Heiple	Holly Johnson
Kathleen McGlaughlin Sr.	Jacque Schroeder	Anne Starnes

### **Letter From the Leader - Holly Johnson**

When I was asked to be the lay leader for the girls TEC #329 I have to admit I had mixed emotions. I was excited yet a little overwhelmed. So I approached it the same way I tend to approach my life. I get excited, I stress, I freak out and then finally I pray and give it up to God. Maybe one day I will learn to start with that.

From the beginning, our team's goal was to fill the beds. So we placed names on "pillows" for each of the girls we had invited and for those names we didn't know yet. We also prayed for any obstacles to be removed that may be preventing them from saying yes. These prayers along with those of the TEC community proved fruitful. I am happy to say that we had twenty-one candidates when we sat down in the conference room to begin our weekend.

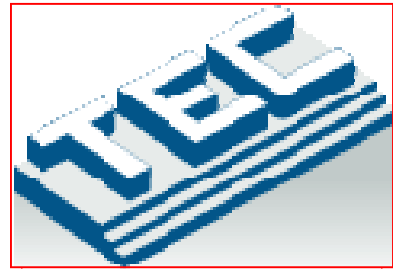
The weekend went quickly, as they always do, but the transformation of the candidates on Saturday morning to the new TECites on Monday afternoon was a blessing to observe. In just three short days so much happened to these girls, friendships were formed, stories were shared, and they had a lot of fun. Above all the love of Christ and the want for a closer relationship with him was evident. For some it may have been easy, for others I know it meant stepping out of their comfort zone. It was a joy to get to know all of them and share this experience.

As I first did on the weekend, I want to welcome all of our new TECites to our TEC community. Thank you for saying yes. Please help us share the love of Christ! Get involved! Attend Wednesday night masses, invite someone to TEC. Write wheat letters. Come to the Mass and Hoot on the weekends. Volunteer for the kitchen, door security, escorting, there are so many opportunities. Most importantly include TEC and the TEC community in your prayers.

The theme for the weekend was "I Can Only Imagine"!

I CAN only imagine how TEC #329 will forever affect their lives!

God Bless, Holly Johnson Lay Leader Girls TEC #329



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### **Anne's TEC Experience**

Hi! My name is Anne Crotteau. I was a candidate for TEC #329. This was an amazing experience that I will gladly be a part of again. The support in this community was overwhelming as they helped me to grow closer to my God. I know that, no matter what you are going through, there are always people there to listen and help you in any way that they can. Believe it or not, though, what I learned most by being at TEC is to be more outgoing. I am a pretty shy person, but my Faith is not something to be quiet about. I should be able to talk about what I believe in without worrying about being embarrassed or made fun of. We are called to be meek and loud, and we must decide when to be which one. With the help of my new TEC community, I will strive to defend my Faith and be an example by word and action. God bless you and may He keep you in His care.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**SUNDAY JULY 11  
ST.VINCENTS  
SUNDAY OCTOBER 10  
ST. PHILS**

# Deacon Rob's Corner

## Growing Season

In the last newsletter I rambled on about the season of Spring, what it means to me, and hopefully you reflected a bit on what it means to you.

Today, as I sit down to type this letter it is the first day of Summer. How convenient is that?

Let's reflect on what Summer can mean for us in our spiritual growth, as well as, as the world around us.

Summer is obviously a time for growth. The corn, the soybeans, the flowers, the family vegetable gardens, the weeds, the grass, ... Everything outdoors is growing. Especially around here, because we seem to be getting so much rain lately.

What else is going on in the summer? Well, for many readers of this newsletter it is Summer vacation. You have more time to experience friends, fun, and freedom to do whatever you choose. You can sleep in and stay up late. You can read fun books and not have to study. You can just enjoy your day to day living. There is absolutely nothing wrong with enjoying these delightful Summer Months.

So, what other growth might I be challenging you to look at? Yes, you guessed correctly. It is your spiritual growth. Are you taking time each day to pray? Are you reading any good spiritual books? Are you looking for God all around you? Are you sharing your love of Jesus with those friends? Our spiritual growth is a continual journey. It doesn't get a Summer break. The Lord is calling us to grow closer to Him all the time. Invite Him daily to walk with you wherever you go. Ask Him to join you throughout your summer fun.

For me, I am learning more and more about the Lord through my study of this wonderful program we call TEC. My summer months are not like yours because I still go to my daily job. When I am not at work, I am striving to become a good Spiritual Director for TEC. I am working hard to get the knowledge from my head to my heart. Sometimes that is a journey that takes a lot of work and prayer.

Please continue to pray that we all stay focused on the true mission of TEC. Please ask God to help us all

## FALL OUTING in September

We are in the planning stages, but look for more detail on a Fun evening of Praise, Worship, Food, Fellowship, Bonfire and much, much more!

### Wanted: Kitchen Help!

**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.

### Door Security

"Someone to Watch Over Me"  
If you are interested in serving as Door Security on a TEC weekend

PLEASE CONTACT:  
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or  
Ali Hietter: (309)573-8716

## INTRODUCING THE TEC 330 TEAM

Lay Leader– Tim Damery  
 Spiritual Director– Deacon Rob  
 Assistant– Tom Mueller  
 Assistant– Ryan Anderson  
 Assistant– Marc Remmert  
 Growth and Ideals– Erik Quinn  
 Metonia– Fr. Terry Cassidy  
 Change of Heart– Josh Polson  
 Church People of God– Tom McGuire  
 God Community of love– Terry Salsburg  
 Christian Life- Laura and Steve Anglin  
 Signs– Charley Kamm  
 Discipleship– Louis Dalton  
 Young Discipleship– Ryan Anderson  
 Teen Resource- Nic Toland  
                             Mitch Remmert  
                             Will Henrich

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## Introducing Your CORE Team

Fr. Terry Cassidy—Spiritual Advisor

Dcn. Rob Heiple—Spiritual Director

Tom Mueller—Assist. Spiritual Director

Chuck Meisner—Lay Director

Kathleen McLaughlin—Kitchen

Anthony LaHood—Kitchen

Dave Templin — Kitchen

Carrie Toner—Kitchen

Irma Robins—Liturgy/Abrazzo/Security

Ali Hietter—Liturgy/Abrazzo/Security

Cathy Plouzek—PR

ALL Teens

Joanne Bean—Hoot

Bre Henderson—Hoot

Holly Johnson—Wheat Team

Jessica Brekke —Wheat Team

Amy Furgiule—Secretary

Jacqueline Jenkins—Secretary

Glen Emmons—Team Selection

All Teens

Robin Edwards—Fourth Day

Billy Wanless—Fourth Day

Kriss Edwards—Fourth Day

Brent Bursott—Newsletter