



Pathways T.E.C.

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a . . .

LIGHT

. . . unto my path"

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Apply Now!

TEC 66 – February 13-15, 2016

TEC 67 – June 24-26, 2016

We are now accepting applications for TEC 66 & 67! We need you! Please pray about sharing Christ through the ministry of TEC. Applications for Directors for BOTH TEC 66 & 67 are due Wednesday, November 11, 2015.

Applications can be found on our website at www.dow.org/tec or attached to the email with this newsletter.

Locations will be announced at a later date, but will be central in the diocese

God is Good, All the Time...

By Ben Frost

We've all heard the call and answer "God is Good, All the Time". This catchy phrase is fun and easy to say during TEC weekend or an event. But what about the reality when these words seem more difficult to express. Many times we experience suffering, endure hardship, or feel distant from God, and in those times we may question God's goodness. It's precisely in these moments that we need to recall the power of the Paschal Mystery. Suffering and hardships are always hard to endure, and that was a reality that God himself subjected himself to, as he became one of us and showed the depth of his love. Jesus was on the receiving end of such grave injustice, yet he continued to say "Thy will be done". In this trust is where we really see God's goodness. When times are hard, trials are ahead, or maybe we feel distant from God, it is then that he calls out to us again and says, "Will you trust me?" Will you allow me to love you? We have an opportunity to say "Thy will be done" and in those moments we take despair and transform it into hope. We take suffering and make it redemptive. We see the distance between us and God and decide to close the gap. Where is your heart today? Are you allowing the power of the paschal mystery to live in your heart? If not, what is holding you back? For...God truly is good! All the time!

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Coordinators Notes

“Will you let me be your servant?”

Those words from a beautiful song keep echoing in my head as I go about my days. I love that song so often used for weddings as a beautiful description of what it means to enter into the sacrament. I knew when I got married that we were both promising to be each other’s servant. The point I missed, though was that I was also promising to be a servant to our future children. Right now we have 4 under the age of 4 living in our home so on the days when I’ve changed 6 diapers in under an hour, swept the floor for the 10th time that day, and dodged who-knows-how-many toys thrown at my head, it’s the words of that song that replay through my mind reminding me of my promise and my purpose. We are all called to be servants. I promised to serve Christ by serving my husband and my children, but in my baptism I also have promised myself as a servant to all God’s people. It’s easy to be a servant to a child who needs me, but can I serve a stranger, or someone who’s hurt me? This will be the test of my commitment to Christ. And I’m confident that just as in my marriage and family, the sacrifice will bring me joy, whether it’s in the form of laughter, smiles and first steps or the satisfaction of doing the work of Christ.

Will you consider being a servant for the TECites of TEC 66? You are needed. Please pray about it! See the first page for more information.

Praying for all of you! Especially you servant mothers who teach us all what it means to be a servant! -Ann

Check out our
Website!

www.dow.org/tec

Visit us for
applications,
brochures, and
general
information.

Highlights from the TEC Council

Welcome New Council Members!

The following people accepted their nomination to the TEC council:

Beverly Miller
James Konz
Cassidy Krueger
Austin Appel

Thank you for the gift of your time and prayer for TEC!!

TEC Council Members

Father Andrew Beerman
Marcie Cowan
Ben Frost
Val Vogt
Deacon John Hust
Nancy Hust
Pam Konz
Marti Schommer

Medication

A change is being made so that TEC is correctly following the Diocese medication administration policy, anyone under 18 who brings medication for the weekend will be asked to turn it in to one of the directors during their individual interview and an adult will be designated to be responsible for it for the weekend.

TEC 66

Planning is underway for TEC 66, we are currently trying to secure a location. Director applications will be accepted soon and we hope to select directors at our November council meeting.

TEC 67

A date was set for the summer TEC of June 24-26, 2016. We would like to have Directors in place for this in advance so we will be asking for Director Applications in November as well.

**St. Thérèse of
Lisieux, Patron Saint
of TEC, Pray for Us!**

Need Prayers? Ask St. Therese, the Little Flower

During the month of October we celebrate the memorial of one of our patron saints of the TEC retreat, St. Therese of Lisieux. She lived from the years 1873-1897 and her feast day is October 1. She is also known as the "Little Flower" or St. Therese of the Child Jesus. She has been declared one of the patron saints of Europe and a doctor of the Church by St. John Paul II. Before she died, she stated "I will spend my heaven doing good upon earth. I shall not be able to take any rest until the end of the world, as long as there are souls to be saved." She promised to let a shower of roses fall from heaven in answer to those who turned to her intercession in prayer. Many people have prayed through the intercession of St. Therese and have received a rose or roses or experienced the unmistakable scent of roses in answer to their prayers. The novena to St. Therese is a five day prayer that should be said before eleven a.m. each day as follows:

St. Therese, the Little Flower, please pick a rose from the heavenly gardens and send it to me with a message of love. Ask God to grant the favor I implore and tell him I will love him each day more and more. Mention your request, and then pray 5 Our Fathers, 5 Hail Mary's and 5 Glory Be's.

Prayer

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Have you invited anyone to TEC 66 yet?

Personal invitation is the best form of recruitment. If you had a great experience, please share it with someone else!

Upcoming Events

TEC 2016 Director Applications Due (TEC 66 & 67)	Wednesday, November 11, 2015
Diocese of Winona Youth Leadership Gathering	Sunday, November 15, 2015
Team Applications Due for TEC 66	Monday, December 14, 2015
TECite Applications Due for TEC 66	Sunday, January 31, 2016
March for Life	January 20-24, 2016
TEC 66!!!	February 13-15, 2016

If you'd like to see your event listed in our next newsletter please email afull@dow.org!