

SWITEC Core Group Update

May 2, 2022

- The fourth day community is invited to join the TEC 110 team for **talk support and Mass** at the last TEC formation.
- SWITEC is experimenting with new forms of communicating and is trialing using **FlockNotes**. If anyone would like to participate in this trial, please contact Megan Knies at maknies@gmail.com
- TEC plans to participate in the diocesan **Eucharistic Renewal** by:
 - Concluding each formation with a few minutes of adoration.
 - Concluding each Core Group meeting with a few minutes of adoration.
 - Attempting to team with the vocations office or another diocesan entity to do a Eucharistic themed Follow-up.
- SWITEC is exploring the possibility of training team members to handle **mental health issues** appropriately.
- Anyone interested in **joining the Core Group** should contact Julie Lagree at 812-630-0174 or julielagree@gmail.com. We are especially looking for people to join the following teams: National TEC representative, Secretary, Reunion, Follow-up, & Outreach.
- National TEC is hosting a **Young Adult Workshop** June 24-26 in Chicago for age 35 and under. Travel vouchers will be available to pay for most if not all of your travel expenses. Please let Julie know (812-630-0174 or julielagree@gmail.com) if you would like more information.
- National TEC is hosting **TEC Encounter** in Champaign IL July 15-17 with keynote Marcia Lane McGee. If you are interested in more information, please contact Julie (812-630-0174 or julielagree@gmail.com).

March 10, 2022

- The **fourth day will be invited to Talk Support Day** for July TEC. This will be an excellent opportunity for fellowship and renewal as we support the July TEC speakers as we hear some of their talks and have the opportunity to join them for Mass. Any fourth day member is welcome for Mass and/or talks. More information will be emailed out at the end of June or early July.
- We are still looking for **volunteers to join the Core Group**. We are especially looking for a **National TEC representative**, another person to help with the **Secretary Role**, help with the **Reunion Committee**, some people to plan/help with **Follow-ups**, and some people to help with **Outreach**.
- TEC is exploring ways to provide/encourage **mental health training for team members**.
- There have been and continue to be some **updates to the TEC manuals**. Please keep in mind that things are constantly changing so it is important to read the manual and not just do things the way they have always been done.
- There are now **binders for resources and adult team members** which give information about their roles, giving talks, recreation ideas, etc.
- There is an **anonymous feedback form** link at www.switec.org. Your input and feedback is very much appreciated.
- We will continue our trial of allowing **sophomores to attend TEC**. TEC will continue to be advertised as open to Juniors and older, but can also state that some mature sophomores may be admitted as well at this time.

- TEC is exploring the possibility of using Flock Notes or another program to allow us to use **text group messaging for our communications**. We would like to trial this with a small sample of the Fourth Day community. If you would like to be a part of this sample, please contact Megan Knies at maknies@gmail.com
- TEC is exploring possibilities for **new ways to do Follow-ups**. If you have any ideas, please contact Julie Lagree at julielagree@gmail.com or 812-630-0174.
- TEC is working on plans to make a **promotional video**. If you have any suggestions, please contact Julie Lagree at julielagree@gmail.com or 812-630-0174.

December 2021 meeting

IMPORTANT NOTICES

- ~~The next follow-up is the TEC Dance/Game Night on January 8th 2022. Mass is at 4pm followed by food and fun.~~ **HAS BEEN CANCELLED.**
- TEC has an **Instagram** account: switecevdio. Please share and follow it.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED (WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET MORE INVOLVED AND HELP TEC?)

- **Volunteers** from the fourth day are **needed** to fill in the following core group roles:
 - **Follow-up** needs someone to organize gatherings between TEC weekends
 - **Outreach** needs people to help promote TEC in our diocese
 - **Team Selection** is looking for someone to help recruit young team members
 - **Secretary** to help Katherine Hurst with record keeping
 - **State Representative** to interact with National TEC
 - If interested in any of these positions, please contact Julie Lagree at 812-630-0174.
- Volunteers will be meeting on January 29 at St. Mary's to **revise the schedule in the TEC manuals**, hoping to allow the conference room to eat before the service team, increase recreation time, and to sync up times between the manuals. Anyone interested in helping with this should contact Julie Lagree at 812-630-0174.

TEC WEEKEND NEWS

- **2023 TEC Weekends** have been scheduled for Feb 18-20, 2023, July 15-17, 2023, and Nov 4-6, 2023
- Some sophomores were allowed on the past TEC weekend due to the lack of high school youth caused by our lack of TECs during COVID. Until we can get our high school youth counts up, we will continue to allow **sophomores to attend TEC on a limited basis** as long as space is available.
- There have been some **changes to some of the prayer services** during the TEC weekend. Most notably, the Covenant Rite has been replaced with an Emmaus Walk, and there are multiple options for morning prayers.
- Team members are encouraged to fill out **surveys** at the end of TEC weekends.

- Team members giving talks on weekends need to make sure they work with a **talk mentor** to write and revise their talks. ALL talk mentors are encouraged to come to talk support day.
- **Sacristans** are encouraged to work with Anette at St. Mary's to make sure they understand all the changes with the new church.
- If deemed necessary/beneficial, the **spiritual directors and lay directors can answer questions by request of the TECites during the discussion**, but they should always keep in mind the goal of encouraging the TECites to express their thoughts. Other team members are to remain silent.

September 26, 2021

- Katherine Hurst has agreed to join the Core Group as its **new secretary**. A huge thank you to Terri Barnes for all she has done in this role for the past several years!!!
- TEC is trying to find better ways to keep the fourth day community updated on events. We now have an **Instagram account**. If anyone has any other suggestions for improved communications, please let us know!
- Resources and youth on weekends are encouraged to create **snapchat groups** to help them communicate about upcoming events and stay connected.
- The next follow-up will be a **Dance** at Precious Blood in Jasper on January 8 beginning with a 4 PM EST Mass.
- Some updates and changes are being made to TEC participant applications to allow participants to **register online**.
- Due to COVID and cancelling a year of TEC weekends, there are only 7 high school students who have made a TEC. Having high school students in the fourth day is essential for creating teams as well as recruiting youth participants. Therefore, it is critical that youth and adults of all ages work to **invite youth** to participate in future TEC weekends.
- November TEC will have **more adults** on the team than normal as adult wheaties due to the shortage of high schoolers.
- Colleen Hopf has agreed to lead the new **Outreach/Fun Committee**. Celia Luebbehuesen has agreed to help with this committee. Thank you so much, ladies!!!! If anyone else would like to help, please contact Colleen Hopf at colleenhopf@gmail.com.
- The Core Team is trying to create a **master list of fourth day** members and the TECs they have worked/participated in. If you have a team or tecite list for any of the first 47 TECs, or for TEC# 49, 56, 57, 60, 61, 62, 65, 68, 70-78, 86 or TECite Lists for 51, 55, 69, 87, 88, 89, 91, 105, or 106, please contact Julie Lagree at julielagree@gmail.com.
- TEC 107 had a successful and fruitful **follow-up** gathering led by Scot Harris. In the future, lay directors are welcome to have similar events and can talk to Scot about his experience and advice.
- National TEC is finishing some updates and revisions to the **prayer services** used at TEC. We should be seeing some of these changes soon.

July 28, 2021 with some updated updates in August :)

- **November TEC is planned for November 6-8, 2021** and will either be held at St. Joe in Jasper or St. Mary in Ireland as long as COVID guidelines don't prevent us from having it altogether. Please encourage your friends to get an application in!!! www.switec.org/make-a-tec

- **It is no longer a requirement to attend a reunion before working a TEC weekend!** Apply to work today!!! www.switec.org/work-a-tec
- There will be new roles for working the TEC weekends. **Adults** can now be **Wheaties** without all the responsibilities of being the director. Anyone over 18 can apply to be an **assistant** to the **sacristan**.
- Several positions are open on the Core Group including **Secretary** (who takes notes at the meetings and takes care of some other paperwork), **Website** (who updates the website, no programming experience required), **Follow-up Leader** to work with Jessica Welage, Dan Barnes, and Mark Durchholz (Plan gatherings in between TEC weekends), and the **Outreach/Fun Committee** (See Below).
- The **Outreach/Fun Committee** will be a new committee within Core Group whose purpose will be to try to spread awareness about TEC. We are hoping to have some coordinators from different parts of the diocese who can contact parishes to set up opportunities. Then committee members will be invited to go to that parish to be the face of TEC. Their activities may include playing Ultimate Frisbee or Human Foosball with youth, speaking at Masses, etc. The possibilities are endless.
- A huge **thank you** to Colleen Hopf for packing up the entire TEC closet for TEC 107 and reorganizing the TEC closet after the weekend!!! So many others have stepped up as well to make the TEC in Vincennes happen. Maci Kreilein cleaned the closet. Mark and Larry Durchholz transported TEC supplies. Joel and Daniel Steckler and Sister T help our transporters unload supplies. Gabe Horrall handled logistics with Rivet and Old Cathedral. Scot Harris and Jessica Welage and the cooks went above and beyond with figuring out the logistics of TEC in Vincennes. So many others in the TEC community helped in so many ways that I don't even know about. THANK YOU ALL!!!!
- Alan and Julie Lagree are the **new Core Group Chairs**. If you have any questions, suggestions, or want to get involved, don't hesitate to contact them at julielagree@gmail.com.
- Scot Harris and Joyce Gehlhausen have agreed to step up as the **new Marty/Marthas** whose job is to take care of TEC supplies. Thank you so much to Jeff and Lindsay Verkamp for all their hard work in this role for the past years.
- Joe Keller has agreed to step up as the **new Treasurer** for TEC. Thank you so much to Brad Tretter for his many, many years of service in this role.
- Maci Kreilein has agreed to help Hannah Sitzman with **applications** for TEC.
- National TEC is releasing some **updates to the prayers** used at TEC.
- **National TEC Encounter** will be in Champaigne, IL in July 2022. If you are interested in going, talk to Michele Kordes or Julie Lagree.
- National TEC is hosting a **Young Leaders Workshop** in December for adults under 30. If you are interested in going, talk to Michele Kordes or Julie Lagree.
- Jenna Steltenpohl with Communications would like to remind everyone to let her know if your **email address changes**.
- Just a reminder to **Lay directors**: Please let your assistant lay director know they should not ask someone to be their assistant until team selection sends them the list of eligible candidates.
- We **will begin posting** the next Core Group Meeting date on Facebook and the www.switec.org so any fourth day member can attend. After the meetings, updates (like this one) will also be posted.
- The **next Core Group meeting** is scheduled for September 26, 2021 at the Jaycee Park in Jasper and will include a cookout. Meeting would be around 3 EST. Eat around 4 or whenever food is ready and people are hungry. Go to Mass together at St. Joe's at 6. All are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Julie at julielagree@gmail.com so we know how much food to plan for.