

# Welcome to Agape' TEC

## Teens Encounter Christ

TEC, which stands for Teens Encounter Christ, is a Catholic retreat program which reaches out primarily to young adults ages 16-25. While TEC, in its beginnings was a retreat for teenagers only, we have broadened our vision and our mission to include people of all ages and walks of life. As a result, TEC has emerged as a truly multi-generational retreat.

The TEC retreat weekend proclaims the central message of Jesus Christ: the Paschal Mystery of dying and rising. This mystery is lived out in a three day experience of dying, rising and going forth as renewed people. These themes correlate with the liturgical seasons of Lent, Easter, and Pentecost.

In TEC you will experience: a fresh, different atmosphere away from home, school, and work...meeting new people from other areas...discovering the God whom you can know and believe in...reflecting and sharing how you see yourself, your ideas, hopes, and dreams...encountering Jesus Christ risen and alive today!!!

Agape' TEC is sponsored by the Dept. of Christian Formation, Diocese of Superior

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### Hmmm . . . What the HEC is TEC?

TEC, a youth renewal movement within the Catholic Church patterned upon the Cursillo movement for adults, was developed in 1965 by Fr. Matthew Fedewa and Dorothy Gereke, in the Diocese of Lansing, Michigan. Since its humble beginnings, the tremendous success of TEC retreats, as testified to by thousands of "TEC-ites" across this nation and over-seas, has helped TEC spread to more than 80 dioceses world-wide.

Here in Wisconsin, Superior Diocese, we have broadened our vision and our mission. As a result, TEC has emerged as a truly multi-generational retreat. People of all ages have found TEC to be an exciting and dynamic vehicle by which we enter into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and the Catholic Christian Community.

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Check our website at:

<http://www.agapetec.com>

- Retreat Schedule
- Links to more TEC's
- SPARK Newsletter

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TEC is rooted in the Sacred Scriptures, Catholic faith traditions and contemporary youth ministry. It is structured to be an experience of prayer, sharing, celebrating, healing, affirming and spiritual renewal within a community of faith. We are called to die to the negative things in ourselves, and, like the grain of wheat, grow and be fruitful as we live out our Baptismal calling in Christ.

TEC is **THREE FULL DAYS**, beginning at **9:30 a.m.** on Day # 1 and concluding at about 5:00 p.m. on Day # 3. **Plan to attend it in its entirety.**

**Any More Questions? . . . . . è**

# Agape' TEC - FAQ

## **How can I participate in a TEC?**

Glad you asked! It's really very easy! Simply complete and return the Application form, and mail it to: **Agape' TEC / PO Box 275 / Rib Lake WI 54470-0275**

## **Where are Agape' TEC retreats held?**

Retreat Weekends are held in various locations within the Superior Diocese. A current schedule of dates and locations is available—contact your parish D.R.E. or visit our website at <http://www.agapetec.com> or call Gwen at 715-472-2799 to request a schedule.

## **When are Agape' TEC retreats held?**

Most TEC retreats begin on Friday morning, with registration beginning at 9:30 a.m., and will conclude at approximately 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. **PLEASE NOTE:** The TEC retreat experience is **3 FULL DAYS.**

## **How much is this going to cost?**

Our retreat fee is \$60. Checks should be payable to: **Agape' TEC**, and sent along with each person's Application. Extra money may be brought to purchase pop or T-shirts / sweatshirts. Should a retreatant need to withdraw his/her application, complete reimbursement will be issued up until one week prior to the retreat. After that time, \$40 will be refunded. (Emergencies are the exception.)

## **So, just who is this retreat for anyway?**

TEC is for all people **at least 16 years old and a Junior in High School.** Participants may also be: college age, single or married adults, parents and even grandparents. Each person should have a desire to grow personally in faith and love within the context of a Christian community. TEC is a Catholic retreat, committed to faithfully and accurately presenting the Catholic faith. **Non-Catholics are welcome.**

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## **What others are saying about TEC!**

Some go to TEC willingly, and some go as they must! Most leave planning to come back. Why? The experience of our Lord Jesus is amazing, and He has the power to change your life forever!

\* Renee B, 18, UW - Barron County Campus

## More of *What others are saying about TEC*

A year ago, I would never have believed that there is a fun, meaningful, Catholic program. Then I went to TEC. I've spent the last year having a "TEC high" that I just can't get over. TEC is the best family anyone could want.

\* Joe C, 16, High School Junior

TEC is a life-changing experience that I believe everyone should be a part of.

\* Dave B, 18, High School Senior

TEC is such a wonderful experience. When you leave on Sunday afternoon, you are a completely different person than when you came.

\* Michelle H, 17, High School Junior

TEC has made me a better person. The friends I've met support me and will be my friends forever. Now I'm much closer to Christ than I ever thought possible - and I'm not afraid to express that love for others.

Erin L, 18, High School Senior

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TEC has been a good experience for me "because I get to serve others and show them God's love."

\* Stephanie B, 20, UW Student

TEC is a truly wonderful experience. It has opened my heart and showed me how powerful Christ's love is. It has also helped me to understand that things happen for a reason, when the time is right. God's love is awesome and TEC is a great way to see that.

\* Nicole J, 22, Office Assistant

TEC is such an "all-encompassing" experience for everyone (all personalities): you will find there is something for everyone to LIKE about their weekend experience - music, art, meditations, Mass and prayer as you've never experienced before!

\* Bobbie K, 38, Certified Art Instructor

The TEC program helped me find God in a way I never thought possible.

\* Rachel T, 26, Social Worker

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