

What Is TEC!

Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) is a three day experience in Christian living for persons who are searching for goals, for acceptance, for meaning, for community, for values and for God. The goal of TEC is to enable candidates to encounter the Risen Christ.

At TEC, you will experience...

- ✠ a fresh and exciting place away from home, school and work
- ✠ meeting others from other areas of the Diocese
- ✠ finding how God fits into your life
- ✠ encountering Jesus Christ, risen and alive today
- ✠ a follow-up program to help you live out your TEC experience and baptismal promises
- ✠ time to reflect on your life, ideas, hopes and dreams
- ✠ and much, much more!

**Just as Christ was raised
from the dead by the
glorious power of the Father,
so also we might live a new life.
Romans 6:4**

You can call or write the Office of Youth Ministry for a TEC schedule. This national program began in 1965 and came to Western Kentucky in 1976. Since that time, thousands throughout the Diocese have grown in their understanding of how powerful the church's impact can be when we understand our basic mission, to live and spread the teachings of the gospel.

**Unless a grain of wheat
Falls to the ground and dies,
It remains only a single grain:
but if it does die,
it produces a rich harvest.
John 12:24**

Observer Age Requirements

Teens Encounter Christ is open to adult observers who are age 21 or over.

WHAT DO I BRING AND WHERE DO I GO

Money: TEC is only **\$50** (\$10 non-refundable deposit required) thanks to subsidies provided by generous people and organizations throughout the diocese. Make checks payable to Western Kentucky TEC. *Full financial assistance available from generous donors.* For further information contact your parish or the Office of Youth Ministry.

Clothes: Dress is casual (jeans, etc.) Bring towels, wash cloth, sleeping bag or blanket, pillow, and you may want a portable mattress.

When: Observers are asked to come and meet with the rest of the team on Friday night at 7:00 pm. The retreat formally begins on Saturday at 10:00 am. and ends Monday evening at 5:00 pm.

Where: Various locations throughout the diocese.

How to apply

Complete the application on the next page. Sign, date, and complete the EMERGENCY INFORMATION. Mail the completed application and waiver to the address printed on the top of the form **at least two weeks prior** to the date of the TEC you wish to attend.

Registration will not be accepted at the door.

A \$50 fee is expected for a TEC weekend. A non-refundable \$10 (which will apply toward the total) is required with the application. No one will be denied participation due to lack of funds.

Mail the completed application, along with the \$10 deposit, at least TWO WEEKS before the date of the TEC retreat desired. Upon receipt of this application you will be notified about acceptance. Openings on a particular weekend may not be immediately available. Candidates are placed on a "first come-first serve" basis.

Mail completed application to:
Office of Youth Ministry • 600 Locust St. • Owensboro, KY 42301 • (270) 683-1545

OBSERVER APPLICATION

Name _____ Gender: _____ Age: _____ Birthdate _____

Address _____ City, State and Zip _____

Phone _____ e-mail address _____

Parish _____ Preferred Weekend: _____

Describe any medical, physical, dietary needs: _____

Describe your parish and diocesan involvement: _____

Why do you want to make a TEC? _____

Who is your patron saint: (ie. Your Confirmation name, etc.) _____

I hereby consent to the use of a photograph of myself for the purpose of publication. _____ Yes _____ No

To comply with Diocesan Policy, WK TEC must assure that all adults (over age 18) working within the TEC movement have completed the requirements set forth by the Charter for the Protection of Young People. This requires a background check on file and completing Shield the Vulnerable online training.

Do you have a background check on file? _____ Yes _____ No
Have you completed Shield the Vulnerable online training? _____ Yes _____ No

Recommendation: I recommend that this person be considered as an Adult Observer for the Teens Encounter Christ Retreat.

Pastor, Youth Minister, Sponsor Signature: _____

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Emergency contact person _____ Phone _____

Physician _____ Phone _____

Family Insurance Carrier/Phone# _____ Policy # of Insurance Policy _____

Signature _____ Date _____

For Official Use Only:

Date Received _____ \$10 Deposit _____ \$50 Full Payment _____ TEC Date Requested _____