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In the three-day weekend of TEC, a young person can experience being part of a vibrant, loving and supportive faith community in which the friendship of Jesus Christ becomes a real possibility that makes sense.

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Through the sharing of each one’s own life experience, sometimes of confusion and hurts, and sometimes loves and joys, each can discover the Lord’s invitation into a special relationship of love. The young person at TEC learns that he/she has been given some wonderful gifts and talents.

Rooted in friendship with Jesus Christ within a community of care, and assured of personal goodness and value, this young person is missioned into a world in need of love, peace, justice and healing.

TEC

is Evangelization

We have good news to share with you. Life’s hurts have meaning when, instead of avoiding pain, we allow Jesus to walk with us through what is painful and lead us into His abundant life.

TEC

is initiation into the Paschal Mystery, the heart of the Church

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TEC

supports Youth Ministry

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Dates are listed on front of applications.

Applications can be found:

- * in your parish
 - * in Catholic High schools
 - * in your university or college chaplaincy office
 - * in the Diocesan Pastoral Centre
 - * with previous TEC participants
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For more information write or call:



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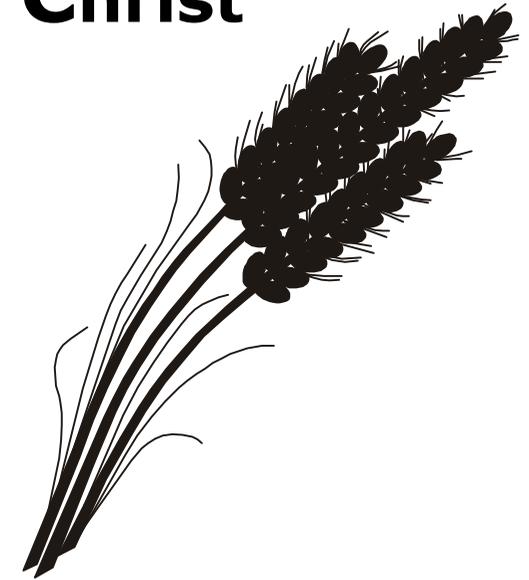
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