

Please give this reference form to an adult who knows you. Do not give it to parents, relatives, casual acquaintances, or another youth to fill out. Ask the person who fills out this form to mail it to Belleville Diocesan TEC. Please include your reservation fee when mailing. We do not use this to try to figure people out. It is simply a tool to help us form small groups which are an important part of TEC.

Dear Friend,

The young person who gave you this reference form has filled out an application to participate in a TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) weekend. TEC is a Catholic weekend experience in Christian living for youth. TEC is based on solid, up-to-date theological and psychological principles. The testimony of young people who have participated in the program gives ample and convincing evidence that the TEC program touches youth deeply and has a very positive influence on their lives and values.

To help the TEC team deal personally and sympathetically with each participant, we are asking you to take time to fill out this reference form. Your comments will be kept confidential. May we also ask you to pray for this young person so that TEC will be a positive influence on his or her life?

TEC Applicant Name: _____

(Circle all that apply):

1. Leadership Qualities: little; average; above average; very strong
2. Maturity: immature; average-adolescent; quiet-mature; very mature
3. Psychological adjustment: poor; somewhat average; very good
4. Relationship to peers: loner; very quiet; disliked; average; very talkative; domineering; well-liked; respected

Additional Comments:

Your Name: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship to Youth _____



2017-2018 TEC Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
September 1-3, 2018	Mt. Vernon
January 19-21, 2019	Althoff
February 16-18, 2019	Du Quoin

More information about TEC can be found on our website at <http://www.bellevilletec.org>

Email: Belleville.tec@gmail.com

BELLEVILLE DIOCESAN TEC

TECite & OBSERVER APPLICATION

Application must be received at least 2 weeks prior to start of weekend.
Anything within 2 weeks of the start of the weekend, please contact Belleville.tec@gmail.com.

About TEC

Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) is a three-day experience in Christian Living. It is designed for high school juniors through adults who are searching for goals, for acceptance, for meaning, for community, for values, for God. Parents, those who work or volunteer with youth, and interested adults are also encouraged to participate in this renewal weekend.

At TEC you experience:

- a fresh and exciting place away from home, school, and work;
- meeting young adults from other areas;
- finding God as someone you can believe in;
- encountering Jesus Christ, risen and alive today;
- a follow-up program to help you live what you find at TEC;
- a time to reflect on your life, your ideals, your hopes, your dreams, and much more!

We try to take no more than six students from the same school on any weekend. About 35 participants are able to make TEC at one time.

How you can participate in TEC:

TEC is held at various parishes throughout the Diocese. TEC takes place from Saturday at 10:00 a.m. to Monday at 5:00 p.m. The weekend must be experienced in its entirety. Please do not arrive late or leave early. A list of TEC dates and locations are listed on the back cover.

What do I bring?

Clothing should be comfortable, casual and appropriate for retreat atmosphere. One change of dress clothing for the Sunday Liturgy is needed. You will also need a sleeping bag, pillow, air mattress or cot, towels and toiletries.

Cost:

The cost is **\$65.00**. Please send this with your application. A reservation will not be held without at least a \$30.00 deposit. In some cases your parish may pay part of your fee. Applications should be received by the TEC Board at least two weeks before the date of the retreat. If needed, financial assistance is available.

Can't miss a day from school?

Think again! Most retreats are scheduled on 3-day weekends. Also, going on a TEC retreat qualifies as a "guidance day" and not as an unexcused absence.

PLEASE NOTE that all TEC participants who are 18 or older and have graduated from high school must be in compliance with the Diocese of Belleville's Child Protection Policy (CPP).

I will be attending as a: TECite (Junior thru 19 years old) or Observer (20 years old and older)

Date of TEC : _____
 Name: _____ Age: ____ Phone: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: ____ ZIP: _____ Date of Birth: _____
 Email Address: _____ Gender: M F
 School: _____ Class: _____
 Religion: _____ Pastor: _____
 Name of Church: _____
 Parent or Guardian (TECite): _____
 Parent's phone: _____ Parent's e-mail: _____

Describe your school and church involvement:

List any special dietary needs:

How did you find out about TEC?

Why do you want to make a TEC?

List any other retreats you have experienced:

Parental Consent / Signature: _____

On the reverse side, please have your pastor, teacher, or competent adult (other than your parents or teenage friends) fill out the form and mail your application and your reservation fee to:

Diocesan TEC Retreats
P.O. Box 23512
Belleville, IL 62223
(Make checks payable to Belleville TEC)

Paid in full	Paid Deposit of \$ _____	Parish Payment _____	Balance Due \$ _____
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