



# **Missionary Information**

## **Summer 2019**

# What is Totus Tuus?

Totus Tuus is a Catholic catechetical program dedicated to the youth in order to evangelize and teach the faith of the Church. Started in 1988 by Father Bernard Gorges in Wichita, Kansas as a means to evangelize and catechize the youth of the country and develop the knowledge, skills and faith-life of young adults by giving them the opportunity to spend themselves in service to Christ and His Gospel. Our aim is to help all youth to develop their relationship with Jesus Christ so that there is an intimate friendship whereby he may lead them to the Father in the Holy Spirit. To accomplish this, we emphasize devotion and love for Our Lord in the Eucharist and Mary our Mother, catechetical instruction and vocational discernment. We strive to help the young to understand their faith through catechesis so that they may live it in today's world. We do this in such a way that it is fun for both teachers and youth alike.



We gather together college students and seminarians onto teams of four each to go out into the parishes in order to teach the Catholic faith and inspire the youth. In addition to trying to communicate our faith and translate that into daily life, we strive to foster Christian vocations. It is our firm belief that vocations, callings from God, can only be heard and responded to if one is living a Christian life. We strive to foster this, first and foremost, in our teachers by providing them with an understanding of the faith, a strong prayer life, and an opportunity to witness to their faith. Because the teachers are striving to live an authentic Christian life and are actively discerning their vocation, they can better help the youth to do the same.

## Mission

- To gather college students and seminarians from across the United States onto teams, training them in service to God, drawing them closer to Our Lord through prayer, devotion, knowledge, and Christian formation.
- To use these teams to inflame the hearts and minds of children and young adults through inspiring in them a true longing for holiness, a deep desire for conversion, and by empowering them to become Christian leaders by dedicating their lives totally to God and to live a life imitating the motto of Pope John Paul II, "TOTUS TUUS" (Totally Yours).

## Our Focus

1. The Eucharist
2. Marian Devotion
3. Catechetical Instruction
4. Vocational Discernment
5. FUN!



## Our Motivation



TOTUS TUUS is Latin for “Totally Yours” and the motto of Pope John Paul II. Taken from St. Louis de Monfort’s great work, *True Devotion to Mary*, it represents our desire to give ourselves entirely to Jesus Christ through the hands of His Immaculate Mother. TOTUS TUUS, then, reminds us of the tremendous and difficult call to spend ourselves for Christ through the intercession of His Mother, and to preach the gospel to all nations.

The challenge to be TOTUS TUUS is accepted with great joy! The teams come to know and love the vitality, faith, and courage of all the youth they encounter. The youth are seeking not just role models, but HEROES who are striving to live and proclaim, “lord, I will be totally yours”. With joy and honor, TOTUS TUUS serves these youth and shares with them the blessings that God has given them. Therefore, the teachers dedicate their summers entirely to the Lord, leading all youth to Him.

## Five Marks of Totus Tuus

1. Proclamation of the Gospel...to arouse the faith.
2. Apologetics...examination of the reasons for our beliefs.
3. Christian Witness...an experience of Christian living.
4. Celebration of the Sacraments...especially Holy Eucharist and Confession.
5. Active witness of the missionary nature of the Catholic Church.



# Catechetical Instruction



TOTUS TUUS began in Kansas and now has an office in the Diocese of Sioux Falls under the guidance of the Office of Discipleship and Evangelization. The basis of what is taught is formed by an authentic catechesis, which is an ordered and systematic initiation into the revelation that God has given of Himself to humanity in Jesus Christ. A revelation stored in the depths of the catholic Church's Sacred Tradition and in Sacred Scripture, constantly communicated from one generation to the next by a living, active faith.

The methodology, structure and content of TOTUS TUUS are concerned not only with teaching the faith but also with arousing it unceasingly with the help of grace, opening the heart to conversion, and encouraging total adherence to Jesus Christ on the part of those who are still on the threshold of faith.

## The Team

Each Totus Tuus team consists of four members: two men and two women. The teams will be chosen during training week according to their strengths so as to compliment each other and work well together. The teachers adhere to a well-defined schedule, which has as its foundation and its backbone a structured prayer life.



## Housing and Transportation

During the week the team will stay at host family houses so as to better know the families of the parish.. The host families often treat the teachers as though they were part of their own family. Housing of team members occurs from their arrival Saturday afternoon/evening until their departure the following Saturday. Each team will provide their own transportation through the generosity of one of the team members who mileage will be reimbursed by the Diocese of Sioux Falls.

## Meals

All of the team's meals will be provided while the team is in the parish. The host family provides breakfast at 7:30 am. The parish provides lunch at 12:00 pm. Families in the parish who will invite the team to supper provide the evening meal at 5:30 pm. This allows for more families to be involved in the hosting of the team and provides an excellent opportunity for the team to interact with families of the parish. Teachers will sometimes have to pay for meals on Friday night and Saturday afternoon.





## Training

A commitment to TOTUS TUUS begins with a two part training program. First, there is a seven day camp where each teacher will be prepared to work as a modern day evangelist. Each teacher is trained to articulate the information contained in the curriculum and all aspects of the parish catechetical program. Daily lesson plans are provided to the teacher. Addition training includes instruction in the mission of TOTUS TUUS, prayer, Catholic doctrine, Christian relationships, and evangelization skills. Opportunity for individual and/or community prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, daily Mass, Confession, team recreation, and fellowship completes a well-rounded week of training.

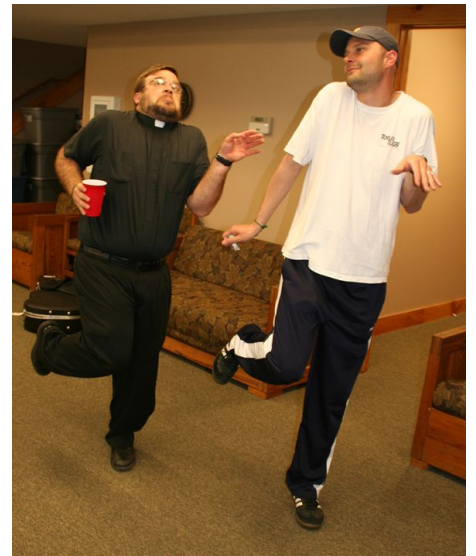
The second part of the training program consists of an internship week. During this week you will be able to watch past TOTUS TUUS teachers in action. In the past, we have realized that it is difficult to enter a parish having no idea what to expect. During this week, you will have the opportunity to observe different teaching methods, interact one-on-one with the children, parents and teachers, and teach several classes. This gives you some experience of the program itself before you hit the road with your team.

## On the Road

Upon completion of the internship week your team will travel to parishes throughout the Diocese of Sioux Falls. As a part of TOTUS TUUS you will have the opportunity to teach many youth, ranging from first to twelfth grade. You will also assist in leading songs, prayers, meditations, speeches at Mass to raise awareness and attendance, and a number of other duties that may arise. The duties of the TOTUS TUUS team do not end in the classroom. While on the road, a TOTUS TUUS team is not only evangelizing to the children and young adults that they teach, but also to whomever God brings into their path.

## Arrival / Preparation / Departure

Each week may look a little different for each team depending on the assignments for that week. In addition to offering programs throughout the week, teams also often will do weekend retreats for Confirmation students or Discipleship retreats for youth desiring to grow deeper in their faith. For each assignment, the team has a parish contact that greets them, shows them around and gives them what they need for the week.



# Grade School Program

The Grade school program that TOTUS TUUS provides is designed for children going into first through sixth grades in the upcoming school year. For the teachers the program will include teaching four classes each day, helping with Mass preparations, teaching liturgical songs and responses, participating in games, icebreakers, skits and leading songs, participating in recess, teaching and leading prayer and countless other things that arise. The week is finished with a water fight and activities. Please read carefully the daily schedule and curriculum. The themes for this year are the **SALVATION HISTORY** and the **JOYFUL MYSTERIES**.

## Typical Daily Schedule

7:00am	Rise
7:30	Breakfast
8:00	Morning Prayer & Rosary
9:00	<b>Grade School Program Begins</b>
9:15	Icebreaker
9:25	Class period #1
9:50	Snack/Game
10:10	Music Preparation for Mass
10:20	Class period #2
10:45	Mass preparation/Confessions
11:15	Mass
12:00pm	LUNCH - RECESS
1:00	Water Break
1:10	Class period #3
1:35	Skit
1:50	Class period #4
2:15	Gather, Review, & Closing prayer
2:30	<b>Dismissal of Elementary Program</b>
	Clean-Up / Set-up for next day/ Team meeting
3:00	Evening Prayer & Chaplet of Divine Mercy
3:30	Team Time
5:30	Supper
7:30	<b>Jr. and Sr. High Program</b>
10:00	Back to Host Family to Sleep



Our schedule is quite rigorous and demands all the energy a person can muster. This is deliberate so as to provide an intense giving of oneself in service to Jesus Christ and the spreading of his Gospel. It is when we are weak that we are strong, for the Lord's grace makes up for all that is lacking in us. In other words, it is meant to challenge and stretch our teachers so as to form them in selfless generosity, so that they might truly say with our Holy Father John Paul II, an imitation of Mary's "yes" at the Annunciation, "TOTUS TUUS!"

## Junior High and High School Program



While many summer programs limit themselves to the sixth grade and below, TOTUS TUUS offers evening instruction for junior high and high school youth. We have found that college aged teachers can effectively impact this age group. Two reasons have been noticed: the close proximity of age and ability to establish mentor relationships (i.e. big brother or big sister). The TOTUS TUUS High School Program includes instruction, small group discussions, quiet meditation, prayer, and fellowship. The team teaches in such a way

as to continually offer a dialogue—in which each person feels respected in his or her most basic dignity. Our high school program is different from normal parish based youth ministry.

On Tuesday evening, the youth experience adoring Christ face to face during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. During the same time, each youth is afforded the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Penance. Concluding the week, the team will spend the last night in fellowship with the youth and oftentimes do something fun with them as well.

## Teacher Qualifications

Teaching for TOTUS TUUS is an awesome opportunity and privilege with great responsibilities. Our teachers are chosen from among the most faithful, energetic, creative and truly zealous Catholic college students and seminarians from around the nation. To be considered for a position on our staff the applicant must have the following qualifications and desires.



## Applicant Qualifications

To apply the applicant must be:

- A high school graduate
- A practicing Catholic
- Confirmed

Additionally, the applicant needs to have:

- A working knowledge of the Catholic faith
- A desire to work with youth

## Job Description

The teacher must be willing to:

- Learn and experience the faith
- Work with a team
- Respect team dynamics
- Strive for a stronger prayer life
- Teach children
- Travel
- Spend themselves in a rigorous schedule
- Make sacrifices
- Commit to growth in discipline and virtue

## Application Process

1. Read this information packet carefully.
2. Read and complete the application (Due February 15) *Applications may be accepted after this date, but it is strongly advised to get them in before!*
3. Send referral forms to two referents. Referrals are due at the same time as applications.
4. An applicant **must** be interviewed. If you cannot make it to an interview, then you will be interviewed over the phone.
5. TOTUS TUUS will respond promptly by phone, letter, or person, to the best of their ability.
6. If accepted, you will be sent a teacher's packet. The packet will cover such questions as where and when to show up, what to bring, what to study, etc.
7. Upon acceptance you will be asked to sign the TOTUS TUUS "commitment", whereupon you agree to fully commit your summer to God and His children.

## Totus Tuus "Commitment"

The teacher hired by TOTUS TUUS of Sioux Falls promises that he/she will serve the Lord and those to whom he/she is sent in the summer and will commit to the following:

1. Being present at training
2. Teaching commitment
3. Commitment to daily schedule of prayer and an active discernment of their vocation
4. Team activities, mid-summer retreat; end-of-summer retreat
5. Parish activities (TOTUS TUUS summer catechetical program)
6. Signing and adhering to the TOTUS TUUS conduct policy
7. Read, study, and prepare the information provided in the teacher's packet



## Calendar of Events - Teaching Commitment

<b><u>Date(s)</u></b>	<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
May 24 - June 1	Training	Broom Tree
June 2-8	Intern Week	In Parishes
June 9-15	Teaching	In Parishes
June 16-22	Teaching	In Parishes
June 23-27	Teaching or D-Camp	Parishes or Broom Tree
June 28 - July 3	<b>Break Week</b>	On Own
July 4-6	Mid-Summer Retreat	TBD
July 7-13	Teaching or D-Camp	Parishes or Broom Tree
July 14-20	Teaching	In Parishes
July 21-27	Teaching	In Parishes
July 28 - August 2	Teaching	In Parishes
August 2-4	Closing Retreat	Broom Tree

Some teams will also be responsible for helping lead Confirmation retreats on June 15th, June 22nd, and July 20th.

### Interviews

Face to face interviews are done if possible. Phone interviews can be arranged. Dates and times will be set up on an individual basis after receiving your application.

### Pay

Each team member will receive \$225.00 per teaching/training week (\$2,025.00 total). Remember there are very few expenses for the summer. Your room and board is taken care of for the summer. Some team members may also volunteer to be the driver of their team and will be reimbursed mileage for the use of the vehicle.

### Other Information

If you have any questions about our program, please feel free to contact Eric Gallagher at **(605) 988-3766** or e-mail at **[egallagher@sfcatholic.org](mailto:egallagher@sfcatholic.org)**.

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