

## Typical Daily Schedule:

### *Team*

- 6:30 Rise  
7:00 Breakfast  
7:45 Arrive at church  
Morning Prayer & Rosary

### *Morning Program*

- 9:00 Intro, warm-up, songs  
9:30 Classroom session #1  
10:00 Snack break  
10:15 Music prep for mass  
10:30 Classroom session #2  
11:00 Mass preparation  
11:30 Holy Mass  
12:15 Lunch and recess  
1:15 Water break  
1:30 Classroom session #3  
2:00 Skits  
2:15 Classroom session #4  
2:45 Gather, review, prayer  
3:00 Dismissal

### *Team*

- 3:15 Clean-up, team meeting  
4:00 Evening prayer & Divine Mercy Chaplet  
4:30 Rest  
5:30 Dinner

### *Evening Program*

- 7:00 Introduction/review/game  
7:30 Session #1  
8:00 Break  
8:15 Session #2  
8:45 Closing/Night prayer  
9:00 Dismissal

Note—Schedule can be adapted in advance to meet parish needs.

Totus Tuus was the motto of Pope John Paul II. It is a statement of complete devotion to Jesus Christ through Mary, as inspired by St. Louis DeMontfort's Total Consecration to Mary.



**How can my parish  
host Totus Tuus?**

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# Totus Tuus

## Summer Youth Catechetical Program



## Parish Information Brochure

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# What is Totus Tuus?

**Totus Tuus** is a summer youth catechetical program which assists parents and parishes in the catechetical and evangelical needs of their youth. **Totus Tuus** expands on the great work you are already doing!



**Totus Tuus** programs are lead by college-aged teams of two men and two women, with one man being a seminarian. Each week, teams travel to a different parish to run a parish mission-style program for youth in grades 1-12. Teams are housed and fed by parish families and staff, which allows for families to expose their children to young adults on-fire with the faith, and allows the teachers to experience up-close Catholic family and parish life.

**Totus Tuus** is a nation-wide program that was adopted in the Archdiocese of Chicago in 2007, with its two teams serving a total of twelve parishes. To date, the program has served over 48,000 children in at least 13 different dioceses in the U.S. We also offer day camps to middle and high school boys and girls to build upon the parish program.

## WHAT IS THE CURRICULUM?

The BIBLE and the CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH form the foundation of catechetical instruction for **Totus Tuus**. The program follows a six-year cycle:

1. The Mystery of Salvation
2. The Apostle's Creed
3. The Sacraments
4. The Commandments
5. The Virtues
6. Prayer

### *Requested help from Parish Priest(s):*

- Daily mass at 11:30 a.m. (if possible).
- An hour of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday evening.
- Celebration of the Sacrament of Penance on Tuesday evening (for the middle/high school program) and throughout the week (for the grade school program).
- The program fee is \$1,500/team

### *Requested help from Parish Contact:*

- Find families for the feeding and lodging of the team members
- Arrange snacks for the children
- Arrange liturgies during the week
- Recruit parent and teen volunteers
- Promotion in parish prior to the program (the Vocations Office can supply you with promotional materials)
- Administer pre-registration prior to program as well as registration and dismissal during the program itself
- Facilities and materials reservations
- Coordinate optional Potluck on Wednesday night

## WHAT ARE OUR HOST PARISHES SAYING ABOUT TOTUS TUUS?

"The curriculum was well-designed. There was a healthy balance between 'funny' and 'serious' parts of the program. Keep it! Run it! We will host you again!"

-Fr. Peter, Associate Pastor

"Keep it! Expand it! Expose as many kids as possible to this great experience! I heard from several parents that they never had to even remind (let alone force) their kids to attend after the first session of the week. I THINK THEY CONNECTED!"

-Pam, Youth Minister

"It was completely true to the teachings of the Church. The repetition and review was very effective. Giving material in short spurts was a great way to keep the children's attention. Teens really benefited from the leaders' witness."

-Penny, DRE

## WHAT ARE PARENTS SAYING?

"I am delighted to report back to you that Totus Tuus 2007 at Sacred Heart parish, from this parent's perspective, was an absolute success. My son came home \*every\* day remarking that he loved Totus Tuus.



What a gift it was to be able to put my son through this camp the year before he begins to prepare to receive Holy Communion.

I can't even begin to tell you how impressed I am with the counselors you selected for us. I cannot wait until my other children are old enough to begin attending. Thank you for making this possible in our area. I want you to know that every parent I spoke with felt the same way -- this program has won our hearts."

Take Care and God bless,  
Monica