

TOTUS TUUS OF MADISON

PARISH SUMMER CATECHETICAL PROGRAM

2017 Teacher Guide

“Blue Book”



Totus Tuus - “Totally Yours”

Totus Tuus is a summer Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship. Our week-long Parish Summer Catechistical Program and Summer Camps assist parents and parishes in the evangelizing and catechizing of their youth by supplementing the work they are already doing.

The methodology, structure, content, and enthusiasm of Totus Tuus is concerned not only with teaching the faith, but also igniting the hearts of the team members and young people. The result has been the formation of young adults who continue to dedicate themselves to the Church’s mission of evangelization.



The mission of Totus Tuus is to inspire in young people a true longing for holiness, a deep desire for daily conversion and an openness to their vocation by constantly challenging them to give themselves entirely to Christ through Mary and by continually strengthening their prayer lives in imitation of Her.

Our Motivation

Totus Tuus, a Latin phrase meaning “totally yours,” was the motto of Blessed John Paul II. Taken from St. Louis de Montfort’s True Devotion to Mary, it signifies our desire to give ourselves entirely to Jesus Christ through Mary. It also expresses our effort to give our all to every young person we encounter. Through the teams’ example of joy and service, the youth see that these men and women are ON FIRE with the Catholic faith and long for the same thing in their lives.

Our Method

Totus Tuus calls upon college-aged students and seminarians from the Catholic Diocese of Madison and across the United States to carry this mission to every young person they encounter in the parish program or at camp. Students are hired for their energy, enthusiasm, love for the faith, commitment to spiritual growth, ability to work with a team and a desire to work with youth. Parish catechists are grouped into teams of four, each consisting of two men and two women, and are invited to a different parish every week for six weeks, where they conduct a week-long “parish mission,” teaching and inspiring the parish’s first through twelfth grade youth.

The Five Marks of Totus Tuus

1. Proclamation of the Gospel: To arouse faith
2. Explanation: 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: Participating in the Missionary Spirit of the Catholic Church

Totus Tuus joins the Church in her proclamation of the Gospel to arouse faith in the youth of the Catholic Diocese of Madison. Ready with “an explanation...for the reason for your hope” (1 Peter 3:15), Totus Tuus catechists expound upon the reasons for our beliefs and share their personal testimonies with the young people.

Pope Paul VI wrote, "Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses" (*Evangelii Nunandi*, 41). With this in mind, Totus Tuus team members are immersed in a life of prayer and give witness to the fruits of that experience of Christian living to the youth.

Additionally, the daily schedule of the Totus Tuus catechist revolves around the Mass, the Sacraments and prayer. A summer given entirely to God and the young people of the Catholic Diocese of Madison would not be possible otherwise.

The Five Pillars of Totus Tuus

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

The Eucharist has pride of place in the Totus Tuus schedule, for both team members and participants. Prayer—the Liturgy of the Hours, the Rosary, the Angelus, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament—provide the structure, but the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the “source and summit” of the daily schedule.



Totus Tuus catechists and counselors will lead the young people to Jesus for a week; however, Mary will lead them to Jesus for a lifetime. Therefore, Totus Tuus promotes **Marian Devotion**. Meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary, we come to see how Mary always leads us to her Son. Praying with her and to her, we hear her say to us, “Do whatever He tells you” (John 2:5).



Catechetical Instruction

TOTUS TUUS began in Kansas and now has been adopted as an apostolate in the Diocese of Madison under the guidance of the Office of Evangelization & Catechesis.

An authentic **catechesis**, rooted in an orderly and systematic explanation of God’s revelation of Himself through the person of Jesus Christ, provides the

foundation of the program's teaching. Totus Tuus instructs young people in the basic tenets of the Catholic faith to cultivate both a firm intellectual grounding and a solid relationship with Jesus. All of our teaching aims to help young people grow in the understanding of, strengthen their faith in, and, most importantly, develop and intimate friendship with Jesus Christ.

Totus Tuus strives to foster **Christian vocations** by encouraging young people to begin discerning God's call in their life to be married, a priest, a religious or a consecrated single. Team members sign a "covenant" in which they promise to be open to and actively discern God's will for them. Because they are striving to live an authentic Christian life and are actively discerning their vocation, they can better help the youth to do the same.

Finally, Totus Tuus demonstrates that one can be a faithful Catholic and still have **fun**. Morning "pump up", silly skits and songs, recess, and water fights in the parishes, infuse the element of fun in the program.

The Totus Tuus Curriculum

The Sacred Scriptures and the Catechism of the Catholic Church provide the foundation of the catechetical instruction of the Totus Tuus summer catechetical program. Consequently, Totus Tuus has divided the four pillars of the Catechism into a six-year teaching cycle:

Year One: The Mystery of Salvation - 2017

Year Two: The Apostles' Creed

Year Three: The Sacraments

Year Four: The Commandments

Year Five: The Virtues

Year Six: Prayer and the Our Father

To complement this six-year cycle, Totus Tuus follows a four-year cycle dedicated to the mysteries of the Rosary:

The Joyful Mysteries - 2017

The Luminous Mysteries

The Sorrowful Mysteries

The Glorious Mysteries

The 2017 curriculum with focus on The Mystery of Salvation and The Joyful Mysteries.

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 follow a well-defined schedule, which is founded on a structured prayer life.



Housing & Transportation

During the week the team will stay at host family houses so as to better know the families of the parish better. 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. Transportation expenses will be covered by the Diocese of Madison.

Meals

All of the team's meals will be provided while the team is in the parish. The host family provides breakfast by 7:00 am. The parish provides lunch at 12:00 pm. Families in the parish who will invite the team to supper provide the evening meal between 5 and 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 Program

A commitment to TOTUS TUUS begins with a two-part training program. First, there is a 9-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 created by the teacher during training. Additional 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 a two-day preparation for specifically teaching the youth of the Diocese of Madison. This will consist of practicing teaching classes to other teachers and final preparation of materials. You will also practice writing testimonies to build those skills to give you some experience before you hit the road with your team.

On The Road

Upon completion of the 11-day training your team will travel to parishes throughout the Diocese of Madison. 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

The team arrives at a parish Saturday evening prior to the week of teaching. The team will be speaking at all the Masses that weekend. The team will meet with a parish representative, tour the facilities, set up and prepare for the coming week on Sunday afternoon. After putting on the summer program, the team will have some free time Friday evening and Saturday morning for team recreation and personal time. The teams are due to arrive at their next parish before the anticipatory Mass on Saturday evening.

DAILY SCHEDULE

6:30am	Rise
7:00	Breakfast
8:00	Morning Prayer & Rosary (at parish)

GRADE SCHOOL PROGRAM:

9:00	Introduction
9:15	Icebreaker / Skit to introduce String
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 decade of Rosary
1:10	Class Period #3
1:35	Skit
1:50	Class Period #4
2:15	Gather, Review, & Closing Prayer
2:30	Dismissal
2:30	Clean-Up / Set-up for next day / Team meeting
3:00	Evening Prayer & Chaplet of Divine Mercy
5:00 or 5:30	Supper

JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL:

6:30	Teachers arrive to prepare for the evening
7:00	Icebreaker Game
7:25	Introduction / Welcome
7:30	Lecture / Talk on specific topic
8:00	Small Groups
8:45	Night Prayer
9:00	Dismissal

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.



Totus Tuus Jr. High & 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.

On Tuesday evening, the youth experience adoring Christ face to face during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. During the same time, each youth is given the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Penance.

Concluding the week, the team will spend Thursday night in fellowship with the youth which may include fun activities, wiffle ball, ultimate Frisbee, etc.

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-aged 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:

1. A high school graduate
2. A practicing Catholic
3. Confirmed

Additionally, the applicant needs to have:

4. A working knowledge of the Catholic faith
5. A desire to work with youth
6. The ability to lift at least 30 pounds and be able to meet the rigorous constant demands of the program.

JOB DESCRIPTION

The teacher must be willing to:

1. Learn and experience the faith
2. Work with a team
3. Respect team dynamics
4. Strive for a stronger prayer life
5. Teach children
6. Travel
7. Make sacrifices

Application Process

1. Read this information packet carefully.
2. Read and complete the application (Due March 1st) 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 (expect an hour phone conversation).
5. TOTUS TUUS will respond promptly by phone, email, letter, 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 Madison 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
8. Comply with the diocesan Safe Environment requirements (background check, Virtus training, etc.)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS—TEACHING COMMITMENT

Totus Tuus 2017 Weeks

May 28-June 7	Team Training (Diocese of Green Bay)
June 8-10	Team Training (Diocese of Madison)
June 11-17	Week 1: (Parish)
June 18-24	Week 2: (Parish)
June 25-June 30	Week 3: (Parish)
July 1 – 6	Midsummer Team <u>Vacation</u>
July 7-8	Midsummer Team Retreat
July 9- 15	Week 4: (Parish)
July 16-22	Week 5: (Parish)
July 23-30	Week 6: (Parish)
July 28-29	End of Summer Retreat

Interviews

Phone interviews can be arranged if a face to face is not possible. Dates and times will be set up on an individual basis after receiving your application.

Pay

Each team member will receive **\$250.00** per teaching week (there are 6 teaching weeks) and **\$350.00** for the two weeks of training. **For a total of \$1850.** Remember there are very few expenses for the summer. Your room and board is taken care of for the summer.

Other Information

If you have any questions about our program, please feel free to contact Marie Lins at **(608) 821-3135** or e-mail at TotusTuus@MadisonDiocese.org

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