



# Totus Tuus

## Catholic Summer Youth Program

### Sacred Heart Parish, Notre Dame

**July 18-23, 2021**

Registration begins **May 1, 2021**

Space is limited

The **Totus Tuus** summer catechetical program is a week long parish mission for youth from grade one through twelve. It is dedicated to sharing the gospel and promoting the catholic faith through evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship.

#### **Vacation Bible School**

VBS is undergoing an incredible change! We are very excited that Totus Tuus will now be offered in the Diocese of Fort Wayne/ South Bend. Totus Tuus has been around for more than a decade as a truly Catholic alternative to VBS and is currently active in more than 30 dioceses across the country. The goal of Totus Tuus is similar to VBS, to help young people grow in their faith in Jesus Christ and have fun in the process, but it takes a uniquely Catholic approach.

#### **Totus Tuus?**

Totus Tuus is a Latin phrase meaning “totally yours.” It was the motto of St. John Paul II and taken from Louis De Montfort’s ***True Devotion to Mary*** and it signifies our desire to give ourselves entirely to Jesus through Mary. The mission of the Totus Tuus Summer Program is to inspire in the next generation a true longing for holiness, a deep desire for daily conversion, and an openness to their vocation by constantly challenging them to give themselves to Christ through Mary’s example.

#### **Missionary Team**

The Totus Tuus Missionary Team will consist of four college aged catechist/ witnesses, two young women, and two young men who have committed their summer to deepening of their own faith through prayer, worship, and spreading the word of God through their witness. They travel to different parishes each week to inspire and share the faith with children and teens.



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#### **Logistics**

The Totus Tuus Program is set up to reach young people from first grade through high school in two separate programs. The middle school/ high school program for incoming grades 7-12 will run from 7:00PM-9:00PM in the evening from Sunday, July 18 through Thursday, July 22. The Elementary Program for grades 1-6 will run from 9:00AM- 2:30PM Monday, July 19 through Friday, July 23. Students will also be exploring the Ten Commandments, the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary with an opportunity for Mass each day, time for Confession, Adoration, and fellowship. Participants will need to bring a lunch and water bottle every day and each family is asked to donate a shareable snack at the start of the week.

#### **Volunteer**

We are searching for families who would enjoy hosting the four missionaries for supper (from 5:15-6:30) any night they are here. Additionally we need volunteers to prepare and deliver lunch for the 4 missionaries during the week, Monday-Friday. If you are able to help with these meals for the College Missionaries please email Rylee, [rkenney2@nd.edu](mailto:rkenney2@nd.edu)

On the registration paperwork you will also see that we are seeking adult and teen volunteers to help be present, especially to the morning elementary session. All volunteers will need to meet Diocesan Safe Environment guidelines including training and background checks. Teens can get service hour credit for their volunteer hours with the requirement that all volunteers during the day MUST ATTEND the evening Middle/ High School session. Some of these volunteer roles include classroom assistance in small groups, snack prep, lunch clean-up, t-shirt sales, arrival/ dismissal, and recess leaders.

#### **Prayer**

While we are continuing to plan and prepare for our exciting summer program, please pray for the missionaries who will be coming to our parish and diocese and for all the students who will partake in this program.

#### **More information**

For any more information or concerns please feel free to contact Rylee Kenney at [rkenney2@nd.edu](mailto:rkenney2@nd.edu) or 574-631-7508