



Totus Tuus Missionary Quick Guide

What is Totus Tuus?

The Mission and Method

Totus Tuus is a summer Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel. Totus Tuus serves parishes in their endeavor to build a culture of prayer, unified vision, and evangelization.

The mission of Totus Tuus is aims to bring about conversion in the youth served *and* missionaries to develop their relationship with Christ and His Church for lifelong discipleship.

The life of the missionary revolves around Holy Mass, the Sacraments, and prayer. A summer given entirely to God and to the young people of this diocese would not be possible otherwise.



“Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses”

Evangelii Nuntiandi



The Pillars

Simple Focus for Fruitful Ministry

Eucharist

Everything that occurs in a week of Totus Tuus is centered on the Eucharist. Each day and with each lesson, the missionaries desire to bring every young person into a relationship with Jesus. This aim points each to encounter Christ present at Mass.

Marian Devotion

Totus Tuus missionaries spend a week leading young people to Christ, but Mary will lead them to her Son every day. A rich relationship with Our Lady is an essential part of Totus Tuus and life of every Catholic.

Catechesis

Totus Tuus presents “Kerygmatic Catechesis” where infused in every aspect of the program is an invitation to conversion. Authentic and orthodox teaching is shared and ordered to forming disciples.

Vocational Discernment

First and foremost, missionaries share how and why to pray. Youth are invited to listen to God’s voice in their life and courageously answer His call.

Missionaries are a witness to this response as they are actively discerning their vocations.

Fun

More than just entertainment, Totus Tuus is a joyful encounter with the Lord. Missionaries are an example of the “lived Gospel”. Each young person is able to be themselves and enjoy games, skits, songs, lessons, stories, a water fight and more.

Evangelization and Catechesis

The Method

What is a "Kerygmatic Catechesis"?



Evangelization is the proclamation of salvation in Jesus Christ, in order to reconcile man with God

Evangelization aims to convert man, his culture, and the culture as a whole

Evangelization consists in the implantation of the Church; the culmination which is the Eucharist

One who evangelizes will desire a deep catechesis of self and neighbor



Catechesis is the totality of the Church's efforts to make disciples and educate them in the faith

Catechesis is an essential moment in the process of evangelization

Catechesis is systematic and must continually share the Kerygma; to bring man into the fullness of life in the Church

A catechized Christian in turn will evangelize having matured in the faith

Totus Tuus follows an "Ecclesial Method", placing catechesis and evangelization within the vision of the Church's life.

Why Totus Tuus?

The Call for Missionaries

Totus Tuus missionaries bring the hope and love of Christ to youth. Embracing the mission of the Church to make disciples of all nations, you will experience a summer unlike any other. It will be one of the hardest experiences you will ever **love**. If you desire to grow as a Catholic leader and give entirely of yourself, then Totus Tuus is for you.

“Each day I had the opportunity to work with others striving for and leading others to Heaven”



Totus Tuus provides intellectual, spiritual, human, and pastoral formation in a community setting that fosters lifelong Catholic mission. It is a time of authentic friendship, faith, and joy.



Totus Tuus Logistics

Schedule and Pay

Please understand that you are committed to serving as a Totus Tuus missionary on the dates below

Date	Activity
May 23- June 1	Training
June 3 - 9	Parish Week
June 10 - 16	Parish Week
June 17 - 23	Parish Week
June 24- July 2	Parish Week
	Mid-Summer Review
July 1 - 7	Mid-Summer Break
July 8-14	Parish Week
July 15-21	Parish Week
July 22-28	Parish Week
	Exit Interviews
July 29	End of Summer Debrief

Pay

Each missionary is paid for their service in the summer. Training and summer retreats are provided. Missionaries share a car and are provided housing and most meals throughout summer.



Answer the Call

Qualities of a Totus Tuus Missionary

1. Humility

Do you put the needs of others before your own, particularly teammates and youth? Are you open to fraternal correction or are you “coachable”? Are you aware of God's presence and can you allow Him to lead you?

2. Generous and Joyful

Are you generous with your time, energy, and gifts? Missionaries are filled with the zeal and love of Jesus and desire for others to know His love. This comes from a total gift of self.

3. Authentic

Do you know who you are in light of Christ? With peers or the youth, do you share this true self – with all your gifts and shortcomings? Can you love as Christ and forgive like Him too? Missionaries are disciples seek the Lord.

4. Adaptable

There is a lot that goes on in a week, a day, and a moment of Totus Tuus. Are you flexible and charitable when it comes to change? A missionary prepares well, but anticipates and quickly adapts to change when it arrives. Rooted in prayer the missionary welcomes the Holy Spirit to guide their day.

“In the most significant way since entering seminary, I was made aware of the benefits of giving all to the Lord. Through countless situations, I saw God leading me beyond the limits I set for myself”



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