

Thank you for your interest in hosting Totus Tuus at your parish. Over the past 7 years we have seen tremendous growth in the participation of parishes and youth in the program. In 2017, we started with just 7 parishes and this past summer we served over 25! With this incredible growth there has been the necessity to increase the number of missionary teams (which are comprised of male and female college students) to serve parishes requesting the program. Each time we have added a team to serve more parishes it has come after careful deliberation to ensure the consistency of training, implementation of catechesis, and sustainability of the program. These past two summers have presented increased difficulty recruiting college students to be Totus Tuus missionaries. Fortunately, due to the dynamism of our missionaries and alumni staff, each parish has been provided with the full Totus Tuus experience. However, it is important for our mission and service to the parish that each parish receive the number of missionaries prescribed in the "Parish Coordinator Guide".

*As we look ahead to the 2024 summer, these goals and challenges will effect the number of parishes we will be able to serve. It is the OYM's general practice to serve returning parishes first and then, when open weeks to host become available, offer registration to new parishes. With a completely full schedule this past summer and a commitment to sustainable growth, the OYM will open a **"waitlist registration"** this year for new parishes. This registration will allow you to list your preferred weeks to host Totus Tuus as well as the number of missionary teams you will require.*

Registration to be added to the waitlist will open on November 2nd at 10:00am here: <https://forms.gle/8XKa949KCo5xz1ZB6> . Registration is first come, first served. Parishes will be notified of the open week(s) available to them and have a chance to accept or decline.

If there is enough response from college students in the late Fall of 2023 to indicate the opportunity to grow to 5 missionary teams then there is the likelihood that new parishes requesting Totus Tuus will have a week available to them.

We understand the difficulty this presents as you desire to offer formative experiences for your youth during the summer. It is our effort to bring Totus Tuus across the Archdiocese but in a manner that provides the prescribed experience to all those involved. Please pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on college students to answer "yes" to the call of missionary discipleship through Totus Tuus.