

Teacher
Application
Packet

Totus Tuus Teacher Information

Totus Tuus is a summer program that visits parishes throughout the diocese. The team teaches the Catholic faith to children during the day and shares faith with teens in the evening.

This Catholic catechetical program dedicated to evangelizing youth teaching the faith. Our aim is to help all youth to develop their relationship with Jesus Christ. To accomplish this, we emphasize a devotion and love for Our Lord in the Eucharist and Mary our Mother, catechetical instruction, and vocational discernment. We strive to help the young understand their faith through catechesis so they may live it in today's world. We do this in such a way that it is fun for both teachers and youth alike.

There are four young adults per team: two women, two men. They attend a weeklong training prior to being sent forth into the parishes. We strive to provide our teachers with an understanding of the faith, a strong prayer life, and an opportunity to witness to their faith.

It is our hope to inflame the hearts and minds of children through inspiring in them a true longing for holiness, a deep desire for conversion, and by empowering them to become Christian leaders by dedicating their lives totally to God and to live a life imitating the motto of Pope John Paul II, "Totus Tuus" (Totally Yours).

Pay, Housing, Meals, & Travel

Teachers will be paid a stipend of \$1800 for the summer. Housing and meals will be provided, as teams stay with host families who will also provide meals. Each team will provide their own transportation through the generosity of a team member (mileage will be reimbursed by the Diocese of Sioux City).

CAYOCA Connection

CAYOCA is the diocesan youth camp for grades 3-8 and it is held at Twin Lakes Christian Center in Manson, Iowa. This summer Totus Tuus teachers will serve as small group leaders for one of two CAYOCA sessions during the week of June 11-19. The session that teachers are not at CAYOCA during this time will be spent as vacation.

Teacher Applications

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 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.

Teachers will need to...

- ★ Learn and experience the faith
- ★ Work with a team
- ★ Respect team dynamics
- ★ Strive for a stronger prayer life
- ★ Teach children
- ★ Travel
- ★ Spend themselves in a rigorous schedule
- ★ Make sacrifices

Teachers will be...

- ★ A high school graduate
- ★ A practicing Catholic
- ★ Confirmed
- ★ A working knowledge of the Catholic faith
- ★ A desire to work with youth

Application Process

- Read and complete the enclosed application, sending into the Youth & Young Adult Ministry office by the deadline.
- Send the enclosed referral forms to two referents. Referrals are due at the same time as applications.
- 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.

Daily Totus Tuus Schedule

Grade School Program

9:00	Introduction/Icebreaker
9:25	Class period #1
9:50	Snack/Game/Music Preparation for Mass
10:20	Class period #2
10:45	Mass preparation/Confessions/Mass
12:00	Lunch - Recess
1:10	Class period #3
1:35	Skit
1:50	Class period #4
2:15	Gather, Review, & Closing prayer
2:30	Dismissal

Preparation

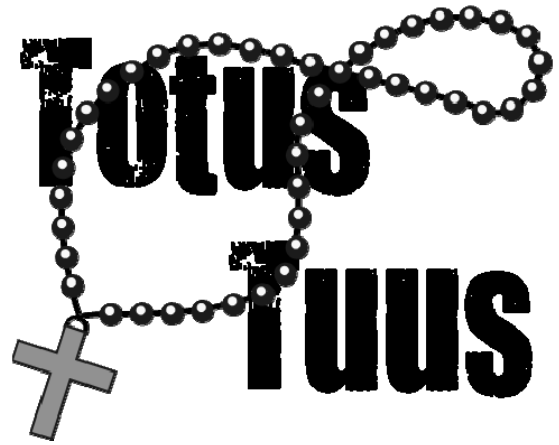
2:30	Cleanup / Setup for next day/ Team meeting
3:30	Team Recreation

Junior High & Middle School Program

7:30	Introduction/Review
7:45	Session #1
8:30	Break
8:45	Session #2
9:30	Dismissal

Summer Schedule

May 23-May 29	Training (tentative dates)
May 29-June 5	Parish 1
June 5-June 12	Parish 2
June 11-15	CAYOCA Session 1 (team will be group leaders at one of these CAYOCA sessions)
June 15-19	CAYOCA Session 2 (team will be group leaders at one of these CAYOCA sessions)
June 19-26	Parish 3
June 26-July 3	Parish 4
July 3-July 10	Break
July 10-July 17	Parish 5
July 17-24	Parish 6
July 24-31	Parish 7
July 31-August 7	Parish 8



Contact Information

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Summer Catechetical Program Team Member Application

1. Read through the entire application before you begin.
2. Answer all the questions. Please type or print legibly.
3. Please be honest, there are no right answers. We want to learn who you are.
4. Application is due February 10, 2010.

Applicant's Information
Name _____
Current Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Cell _____
I can be reached at this address until ___/___/___ Then write to:
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____
Email _____

Parent Information
Father's Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Work _____
Mother's Name _____
Address(if different) _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Work _____
(Arch)Diocese _____

Education

School Name	Location: City & State	Years Attended	Graduation Date (Mo/Yr)	Degree/Certificate (I.E. BS, BA, Etc.) And Field(s) of Study
High School:				
College				
Graduate School:				
Seminary:				

Employment History

Please document your last two paid positions of employment.

Business' Name _____

Business' Name _____

Address _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Phone _____

Supervisor _____

Supervisor _____

Duties _____

Duties _____

Volunteer History

Please document your last two volunteer positions you held.

Organization Name _____

Organization Name _____

Address _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Phone _____

Supervisor _____

Supervisor _____

Duties _____

Duties _____

Parish Involvement

Please check all that apply.

I have...

____ Taught or assisted in a religious education program at a parish

____ Assisted in a youth ministry program in my post high school years

____ Served as a reader, Eucharistic minister, altar server and/or choir member at a parish.

____ Served in a parish in other capacities.

Please elaborate on each of the items that you checked:

Catholic Formation

Please check and fill in all that apply.

____ I am baptized

____ I was confirmed in the Catholic Church at the age of _____.

____ For the past 12 months I have met my obligation of attending Sunday liturgy and Holy Days of Obligation.

____ I converted to Catholicism at the age of ____ from the _____ faith.

____ I attended Catholic school in grades _____.

____ I attended religious education (i.e. CCD) classes in grades _____.

____ I attended youth ministry programs in junior high or high school grades _____.

____ I attended Totus Tuus in grades _____.

Please answer the following questions in two or three sentences.

What was your primary reason for attending religious education?

If you are out of high school have you participated in any Bible studies, religious education classes, Christian fellowship groups, etc?

What is your personal experience/feelings about the religious education you received?

Music & Language

Please fill in the areas that apply.

What instrument do you play? # of years skill level: beginner, intermediate, advanced

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Please describe any experience you have had in playing for liturgy and/or youth ministry events.

Spanish studied? # of years skill level: beginner, intermediate, advanced

_____	_____	_____
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Would you consider yourself fluent in Spanish? _____

Retreat and Teaching Experience

Please check all that apply and fill in requested information.

_____ I have attended approximately _____ retreats at the age(s) of _____.

_____ I have helped conduct _____ retreats at the age(s) of _____.

_____ I attended Bible school approximately _____ years during grade(s) _____.

_____ I have helped or assisted in teaching Bible school.

If you helped conduct a retreat or taught/assisted in Bible school please provide details. Include the name(s) of the retreat or Bible school, the grades, and your involvement and position.

For each of the following items please indicate your experience by selecting a number between 1 and 5 with 5 being the most experience. If you have no experience with a particular item, indicate this with an "N".

_____ Praying with others

_____ Developing and acting out skits/dramas

_____ Making small talk with retreatants

_____ Teaching religious education (e.g. CCD)

_____ Leading personal faith sharing

_____ Teaching non-religious subjects

_____ Planning prayer services and liturgies

_____ Caring for young children ages 5-7

_____ Maintaining order during retreats

_____ Caring for adolescent children

_____ Providing entertainment

_____ Working with high school age students

_____ Leading small group discussions

Short Essay

Please answer or complete the following questions.

1. How did you first hear about *Totus Tuus*?

2. Please complete the following sentence. I am applying to *Totus Tuus* at this time in my life because...

3. Other than church related activities, what are your interests and hobbies?

4. Describe the role of your family in the development of your Catholic faith including prayer habits, Mass, etc.

5. Regarding relationships: When my feelings are hurt I tend to...

6. What do you value about being Catholic?

7. Do you consider yourself a leader? Would you like to be a leader? Explain.

8. How do you normally react to criticism, especially from a peer?

9. How do you handle conflict? Be sure to mention what role you usually take. (Mediator, aggressor, etc.)

10. Using the scale below, please rate (1-5) yourself in the following:

<i>Almost always</i>	<i>Frequently</i>	<i>Sometimes</i>	<i>Rarely</i>	<i>Never</i>
1	2	3	4	5
___determination		___fatigue		___happiness/joy
___procrastination		___punctuality		___self-confidence
___loneliness		___assertiveness		___moodiness
___dependability		___fear		___self-control
___fault finding		___opinionated		___friendliness

From the above list please elaborate on two strengths and two areas of needed improvement.

11. Have you ever considered to what state in life God is calling you, whether it be marriage, priest, religious brother, religious sister, or single? Explain your process of discernment.

Essays

On separate paper, please answer the following questions in brief detail.

12. Explain your pilgrimage of faith.

13. Describe your current life of prayer (when, how, what, etc.).

14. Are there any teachings of the Catholic Church with which you have a difficulty?

15. Explain how we need you and how you need *Totus Tuus*. Simply, why we should hire you?

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Summer Catechetical Program Referral Form

The following information should be completed by the applicant before this form is forwarded and completed by the reference person.

Applicant's Information

Name _____

Permanent Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Work _____

The following is to be completed by the referent only. Thank you for your time in filling out this referral. Please know that all the information presented will be confidential. If you have any questions, please call Jessica at 712-233-7561 or email JessicaL@scdioocese.org.

Referent's Information

Name _____

Permanent Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Work _____

Date Completed _____

Return by February 10, 2010 to:

Diocese of Sioux City
Youth & Young Adult Ministry
PO Box 3379
Sioux City, IA 51102

Please describe your relationship to the applicant, and how long you have known him or her.

How familiar are you with youth ministry or specifically Totus Tuus?

Please comment on the applicant's involvement in the Catholic Church.

Would this person be a good example and role model for a young person? Please explain.

Please take this opportunity to include any additional information we should know when hiring for this position.

Signature

Date