



Totus Tuus –“Totally Yours” Returns to St. Joseph June 26-June 30, 2017

Register now for the best week of the summer! Kids have fun learning and living our Catholic faith in this week-long daytime “Catholic Camp” for kids entering the 3rd through 8th grades. It’s taught by college students and seminarians who were trained to share their passion for Jesus with joy –to Jesus through Mary. Last summer, kids unanimously gave a thumbs up to the games, skits, and active way to grow in faith. Totus tuus will focus on the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary and The Mystery of Salvation this year.

Not convinced? Read what parents of our participants said last summer.

- “I didn’t know what to expect – it was more than I hoped for!”
- “My daughter said it was “better than she thought it would be!””
- “The most beneficial part of this week was the enrichment my children obtained about their faith through the guidance of young adults. My children already attend St. Joe’s School and this program supplemented what they already learn- in a focused / concentrated time period and in a fun manner.”
- “The structure of the day also kept things moving and their interest high. The combination of classroom, mass, skits, etc. is perfect!”
- “Fantastic camp, the children learn about our faith in a fun way. They sing the beautiful songs ad learn to pray. It is the best camp that my boys have attended so far. And the boys really like it.”
- “A great camp to have the children build a sense of faith and community”.
- “How wonderful for the kids to be in an intentionally focused Catholic community- they don’t get this exposure in public school. It greatly helps them to integrate a Catholic identity.”

But what do the kids say? This is what the campers said about Totus tuus last summer?

- “The skits are funny and the camp helps you to be close to Jesus”.
- “Totus tuus is just as fun as Vacation Bible School!”
- “I loved making new friends from other schools, who I might also see at Mass!”

Totus tuus registration fee is \$60.00 each for the 1st and 2nd child in a family, and \$20 for each subsequent child. The price includes a t-shirt.

Register at <http://www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/summer-programs>. Visit our Give Central page at <https://www.givecentral.org/location/181/category/633> to secure your spot. Please email Eileen Glynn-Tucker eglynntucker@gmail.com to volunteer or for more information.

Do you want to learn more about the content? There are 5 Pillars to the Totus tuus program.

1) THE EUCHARIST:

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—provides the structure, but the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the “source and summit” of the daily schedule.

2) MARIAN DEVOTION:

Totus Tuus catechists 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).

3) CATECHETICAL INSTRUCTION:

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 an intimate friendship with Jesus Christ.

4) VOCATION DISCERNMENT:

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 single. College-aged teachers 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.

5) FUN:

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 at the parish infuse the element of **fun** in the program.

**Spread the word and don’t miss the fun.
Totus tuus is for everyone!**