

Best Practices for Successful Totus Tuus

1. While the team is at your parish, and even before they arrive, we recommend recruiting intercessors to pray for and provide spiritual assistance to the team, the youth, the coordinators and volunteers, and the pastor of your parish. This is a great way to involve parishioners who don't have school-aged children attending Totus Tuus.
2. Inform the priest of the schedule for the sacraments (daily Mass and Confession, Adoration/Confession on Tuesday night).
3. Find host homes to provide sleeping arrangements, a morning continental breakfast and possibly snacks to refuel the teachers. Homes close to the parish helps save time for travel.
4. Find families to provide lunches and dinners for the team each day. Lunches are at the parish and dinners are generally at the homes of different families during the week. A family may choose to bring a dinner to the parish or take the team out to eat if they desire.
5. The parish coordinator cannot possibly do everything by him or herself. As such, we strongly recommend the forming of a committee of adults and high school students to assist throughout the week of Totus Tuus. Some volunteers may help out during the evening program or assist with promotion. All volunteers must be approved according to Archdiocesan guidelines.
6. Begin promoting Totus Tuus as early as possible in order that families can plan to have their children participate. Use flyers in the parish school and Religious Ed programs, church bulletins and announcements from the pulpit. Make sure everyone is aware of the program, in order that a concerted effort is implemented to effectively promote the program. Neighboring parishes can also be invited to participate.
7. Have facilities reserved for the program well in advanced. Description of facilities is found in parish program guide.