



TOTUS TUUS (Totally Yours) is a *fun and energetic* parish based summer catechetical program, for both grade school age children and junior and senior high school youth. We gather together college students and seminarians onto teams of four in order to train them and send them out on the road to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ in various parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Denver and surrounding dioceses. Their youthfulness, energy, and ability to witness to the Faith make our teachers particularly effective with children and young people. The team serves for a week in each parish by putting on a program Sunday – Thursday from 8pm-10pm for junior and senior high youth. Our goal is to put the youth in contact with the Lord so that they can develop a deep personal relationship with Him. To this end, we have a night of Adoration and the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, catechetical instruction on topics important to young people and a night of fellowship with the team members.

The teams also presents a grade school program (grades 1-6) that runs Monday – Friday from 9am-3pm. Our time is spent on catechetical instruction, songs, games, daily Mass, the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, lunch, recess and more. The week ends with a large water fight with the children in celebration for the week. The focus is on imparting an understanding and love of the Eucharist, devotion to Mary, catechetical instruction, vocational discernment and providing an enjoyable experience.

The team also likes to get to know the parish and its members. In order to do this, they stay with families of the parish, each with different families throughout the week and invite the entire parish to a “potluck” dinner on Wednesday night.

Throughout the years TOTUS TUUS has succeeded in reaching out to children and youth in order to help them know and love the Lord Jesus Christ. In addition to this, we have tried to help local parishes by providing a fun and strong catechetical program. We hope to continue this in the future as long as our Lord permits.