



## Application/Registration Packet

### Mission Statement

The Totus Tuus Catholic Home School Group is a group of Roman Catholic home schooling families committed to following God's call for our families, especially in homeschooling our children. We are faithful Catholics striving to live our Faith, teach it to our children, and grow alongside one another. Totus Tuus exists to help our members connect with each other. We plan homeschooling activities, social gatherings and service projects to enrich our homeschooling. We also strive to support one another through prayer and friendship. The goal of Totus Tuus is to build up one another in love as we gather to grow in, learn, serve and live our Catholic faith. We are faithful to the Magisterium of the Catholic Church.

### Activities

#### **First Friday Mass & Benediction**

As Catholics, our group's primary gathering is rooted in the Eucharist, which is the "source and summit of the Christian life." We gather together on the First Friday of each month (September - May) for 8:30 AM Mass at St. Teresa of Avila Parish, followed by Benediction in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We then gather together in the Parish Life Center for a pot-luck breakfast and fun activities for each age group. Our schedule for First Fridays is as follows:

8:30 - 9:15	Mass and Benediction
9:15 - 9:20	Drop off breakfast food/ setup to eat
9:20 - 10:00	Pot-Luck Breakfast
10:00 - 11:15	Age Level Games & Activities
11:15 - 11:30	Clean Up and Dismissal

#### **Social and Service Activities**

We have Park Days on the 3rd Monday of every month at the Evans Library Park from 2 - 4 PM. We ask that each family take responsibility for planning and executing one of the group activities throughout the year, such as a service project, feast day party, monthly field trip, etc. If you have another type of activity that you'd like to see organized, please let us know. See the attached sign up sheet. This is a family driven group and we need everyone's help to make it work!

#### **Organization**

This group is a volunteer based ministry that can only be successful if all families help and support the mission of the group. With that in mind, each person joining the Totus Tuus Catholic Home School Group must read and sign that they will agree to follow the Mission Statement and the Building Rules as well as become Virtus trained, a Diocesan policy. The Virtus program was developed by a National Catholic Group to decrease wrongdoing and promote best practices in religious organizations. Therefore, in order to participate in any activities on parish grounds, you must be Virtus trained.

**In addition, all members must also agree to help in at least one area.** We need your time and talent in order to help this ministry grow!

### Dues

Annual dues are **\$25 per family**, parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila are discounted at **\$20 per family**. The dues are collected to help cover the cost of the group throughout the year (craft supplies, paper products, etc.). We are generously given use of the St. Teresa facilities. The dues should be sent with the signed application to the Treasurer no later than September 1st.

**Checks should be made out to the current Treasurer. Please DO NOT make your check out to St. Teresa of Avila.** All dues are non-refundable. After September 1st, dues will be increased to \$40 for any returning member. Any new member joining mid-year will need to pay the regular fee by their 2nd First Friday, the late fee does not apply for new joining members.

### Code of Conduct

We, as the primary educators of our children, are responsible for not only their spiritual and intellectual formation, but also for their human formation. This human formation includes how we conduct ourselves within this group. We ask that everyone treat others with respect and courtesy. We need to set an example for our children by communicating kindly in all we say and do. All members should RSVP for activities by the date given and then faithfully pay for any activities you have committed to. All rules set by St. Teresa's for the use of their facilities, as explained on the attached document, are to be honored. If they are not and you are asked to leave, then your dues will not be refunded and you will not be invited back. If there is a problem with a child during an activity, then the leader will 1) speak one on one to the child, 2) if trouble continues then the leader will speak with the parent, and 3) if the problem is still not resolved, then the child will be asked to leave the activity. We all want to be encouraging witnesses for home schooling within our parish and within the community. So please keep that in mind during activities held at the parish as well as outside group activities. We also always want to be an encouraging support to one another. We are all on this home schooling journey together and have the opportunity to be Christ's hands and feet to one another.