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Dear Fathers and Parish Youth Coordinators:

Last year, Father Thomas Dooley, introduced the summer youth program TOTUS TUUS to the Diocese of Des Moines. It was an instant success.

Led by a team of four consisting of two young men (including a seminarian) and two young women all of whom are carefully selected, trained and prepared, TOTUS TUUS provides a week of fun and religious development for our grade school youth during the day and for our high schoolers in the evening – each session lasting a week. All of the participants, priests, and parish leaders were most laudatory in their evaluation of the program.

Father Thomas Dooley has again agreed to coordinate the program for the Diocese of Des Moines. He has prepared a description of the program and is available to field questions and coordinate arrangements. For this valuable service, I heartily thank him.

I encourage all of our parishes to look into this opportunity. I am convinced it will enhance the summer of your youth in a very positive way.

With kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend Richard E. Pates
Bishop of Des Moines