



SAVE THE DATES !

TOTUS TUUS CAMP DAY

AUGUST 2, 2010

9:30 AM to 7 PM
at Maryville Academy
in Des Plaines, IL

Jr. High / High School Boys & Girls



TOTUS TUUS LEADERSHIP CAMP FOR HIGH SCHOOL MEN

AUGUST 8—11, 2010

at Bishop Lane Retreat Center in Rockford, IL
Sponsored by Chicago, Joliet & Rockford



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Totus Tuus Camp Day is one-day camp experience for youth entering grades 6 through 12. The day will include games, food, discussions, prayer and Mass. Participants will meet new friends, seminarians, college students, priests, religious sisters, and most important — JESUS IN THE SACRAMENTS!

Totus Tuus Leadership Camp for High School Men is designed to help young men grow in the skills needed for strong Christian leadership and to discern what God is calling them to do with their lives. The camp days will include discussion, Adoration, prayer, daily Mass, and quiet time for reflection . . . and of course, fun and food!

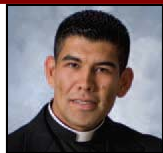
Please pray for these men who are preparing for Ordination on May 22, 2010!



Elvio Baldeon Lope



Sergio de la Torre



Manuel Dorantes



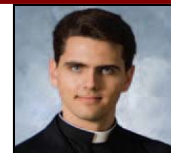
Shawn Gould



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INTRODUCING OUR SEMINARIANS

Christopher Kerzich is in the Pre-Theology Program, studying for the Archdiocese of Chicago. He is an avid runner and participated in the Chicago Marathon last October.

Photo was taken on a Field Education mission trip to Tucson, Arizona in February, 2010

There are only two times I can remember saying, "I will never do that in my life." The first was when I was on a 6th grade trip to visit Marquette University, I said to a friend, "I would never go here for college." I graduated from Marquette in 2005. The second was when a priest said to me, "You should be a priest!" Laughing at the notion I said, "That will never happen in my lifetime." If God wills it I will be ordained a priest in 2014.

I was born and raised in the Chicagoland area. I lived in a household filled with a spirit of public service. My father is the retired fire chief of my hometown and my mother a nurse who helps run a clinic. My older brother, Joseph, is devoting his life to serving Chicago as a firefighter. As a student at St. Albert the Great, St. Laurence H.S. and Marquette University, I developed an interest in history, government, and public service. Upon graduation, I packed one bag and moved to Washington, D.C. landing on my friends' couch to follow my dream of a career in service to our nation. I was content with my life in government until the visit of Pope Benedict XVI to Washington in April 2009, profoundly impacted my life.

As men discerning can attest, it is often difficult to share our Catholic faith in our respective workplaces. When the Holy Father visited Washington, Catholics were coming out of the woodwork and people were proud to share their Catholic faith. That week, my life was filled with the Holy Spirit and I began to ask myself what was I doing to make a positive impact on the lives of others? This experience resulted in a deepening of my prayer life, daily Mass attendance and active participation in my parish. Overtime, there was something drawing me to the idea of becoming a priest. I thought I was just a regular guy living the ordinary and was confused by why God would be calling me to priesthood. I ignored the call until another priest said to me, "You should go to the seminary and become a priest." This time I listened.

I look at my discernment as running a long race. Those who successfully train for marathons are not focused on running 26.2 miles all at once, but are focused on their daily running routine. If you are in the process of discernment, focus on developing your relationship with Jesus Christ one day at a time. Pray the rosary, attend Mass daily, find and meet with a spiritual director, and attend discernment events hosted by Fr. Noonan's office. Taking this daily approach will take the stress out the discernment process and will give you the clarity of what God is calling you to do. You are in my prayers daily.



Please go to the Catholic New World for an excellent article by Alicia Torres for the Year for Priests, at <http://www.catholicnewworld.com/cnwonline/2010/0328/10.aspx>

YEAR FOR PRIESTS JUNE 19, 2009 - JUNE 19, 2010 PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Sacred Heart of Jesus, graciously listen to our prayers for priests and religious.

Give us generous hearts to respond to your call in our lives. Lift up courageous men and women willing to follow after your heart as priests, sisters, brothers and deacons

Help us to share our faith and to encourage young people to explore religious vocations.

Guide all people, Lord, in your ways of compassion, truth, and peace, that we may find happiness in fulfilling our vocations.

Amen.

Have you ever traveled and needed to find out when and where there is Mass? Go to www.masstimes.org or call 1-410-676-6000 for information about Mass locations and times.

