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## Totus Tuus returns for fourth year

Summer youth program thrives for holiness

BY SAMANTHA PALLINI | THE COMPASS

**MENASHA** — In 1987, a seminarian in the Diocese of Wichita, Kan., started a youth catechetical summer program named after Pope John Paul II's Latin motto, Totus Tuus, meaning "totally yours." Nearly 30 years later, the program boasts residence in more than 30 dioceses nationwide and has influenced the lives of more than 61,000 young people.

Green Bay's Totus Tuus program was brought to the diocese in 2012 by vocations director Fr. Daniel Schuster. Initially servicing just six parishes, the program has doubled in size, leadership and location since its inception.

The four pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church (the Creed, Ten Commandments, Our Father, the Sacraments) are split into a six-year curriculum, to offer variety from one year to the next. This summer's curriculum will highlight virtues, the beatitudes and the sorrowful mysteries. Students are instructed on the faith via daily Mass, classes, various activities and skits and small group discussion.

According to Fr. Schuster, with the growth of Totus Tuus during the last three summers, two teams of leaders will be covering the 12 parishes. Additionally, the Diocese of Madison's two Totus Tuus teams came up to be trained with the Green Bay Diocese's leaders.

Co-sponsored by the Green Bay Diocesan Vocations Office and Mount Tabor Center in Menasha, Fr. Schuster said he is thrilled the program is continuing to grow and thrive in the diocese, providing faith formation and education for both those attending the programs and those leading them.

Children's programs run from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday for \$35 per child. Teen programs run Sunday through Thursday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. for \$15 per teenager.

For more information or to register, visit [www.totustuusgreenbay.org](http://www.totustuusgreenbay.org).

Children are invited to attend any of the 12 sessions, regardless of parish membership.

Our full story appears in the June 19 issue.



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### FRANKLY, FRANCIS



We Christians have to be ever closer to the families whom poverty puts to the test. But think, all of you know someone: a father without work, a mother without work ... and this makes the family suffer, the bonds are weakened. This is terrible. Indeed, social destitution strikes the family and sometimes destroys it.

Adding to these material factors is the damage caused to the family by the pseudo-models spread by the mass media on the basis of consumerism and the cult of appearances, which influence the poorest social classes and increase the breakdown of family ties. Take care of families, attend to the attachment, when destitution puts the family to the test!

+ Pope Francis, June 3, 2015

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## Biking for Babies, a national pro-life biking event, includes local route

BY JEFF KUROWSKI | THE COMPASS

**OSHKOSH** — Since 2011, Biking for Babies has featured a Wisconsin presence on both the teams of cyclists and through support for pregnancy resource centers. This year, for the first time, wheels will be on the ground in the state.

A Biking for Babies ride was held June 19-21. Cyclists pedaled from Niagara to Madison, approximately 300 miles, over three days.

"I thought it was a good idea to get Wisconsin involved a bit more because the (national) rides take place in the south and finish in Chicago, so we don't quite get to Wisconsin," said Sarah Voet, who will co-lead the ride with Kevin Biese.

The national Biking for Babies rides are scheduled for July 11-19. Teams will depart from Texas, Louisiana and Florida and converge in Chicago.

The Wisconsin ride was designed to increase awareness and generate support. The overall goal for 2015 is \$75,000. Last year,

Biking for Babies collected \$74,415.

Biese, who hails from Kaukauna and is a recent graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, has received generous support from his home parish, Holy Cross.

The cyclists will bike to Lakewood on day one. Biese has made annual appeal talks at St. Mary of the Lake Parish where his grandparents — Cassie and Jim Zittlow and Janet and Mark Biese — are members.

Our full story appears in the June 5 issue.

# 5 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

About Mary's mother

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- 1 The mother of the Blessed Virgin is St. Anne. We know her name from a second-century, non-canonical (not included in the Bible) writing called the *Protoevangelium* of James.
- 2 Legend says that Anne and her husband, Joachim, were a childless couple for 20 years.
- 3 Anne and Joachim, Jesus' grandparents, are honored on July 26.
- 4 Anne is the patron of, among other things, lace makers.
- 5 A church dedicated to St. Anne, built by 12th century Crusaders, stands near the start of the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem.

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## DISCIPLES ON THE WAY: YEAR II



Bishop David Ricken

As we enter the second year of our diocesan journey called, "Disciples on the Way," we continue to strive to answer the Lord's call to "Teach My People to Pray." I am asking you in a special way during this next year to renew your own life and the lives of your family and friends through prayer.

Shortly after I arrived in the Diocese of Green Bay in August of 2008 as your bishop, I kept hearing the words, "teach my people to pray" as I spent time in prayer. Evidently the Lord and the Blessed Mother want to pour out even more abundant graces on all of us so that we may learn to pray and to pray more deeply, thereby growing in holiness together!

I appreciate so much all who have been able to attend the monthly holy hours of prayer in the parishes throughout our diocese. Nearly every parish now has a monthly holy hour. It has also been a great joy for me to share the



days of reflection with many of you in various regions of the diocese over the past few months. I look forward to continuing teaching these days of reflection in the fall in other parts of our diocese.

I thank those of you who have offered other prayer seminars and courses of instruction in prayer and meditation to youth, young adults and adults. Various religious communities have shared their way of praying according to their own charism during this celebration of the "Year of Consecrated Life." This, too, has greatly contributed to an outpouring of prayer across our diocese and beyond.

**Next month:** The home as a school of prayer and love.



## Parish SNAPSHOT

Fr. Patrick Beno, pastor of St. Agnes Parish in Green Bay, led parishioners in a procession around the church grounds on the feast of Corpus Christi. (Submitted photo)

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## Salvatorian warehouse: Same mission, new leadership

PATRICIA KASTEN | FOR THE COMPASS

**NEW HOLSTEIN** — Try to imagine the number of people who have received food, medicine, clothing and hospital equipment from the Salvatorian Mission Warehouse over the past four decades.

Working with practiced skill, volunteers take donated supplies, break open boxes and remove unnecessary packaging that takes up valuable shipping space.

Repackaging is handled with scientific precision. Everything is tightly packed into shipping containers and onto semi-trailers for shipment

to more than 100 missions in 25 countries.

This is what Salvatorian Br. Regis Fust leaves as he retires and moves to the Society of the Divine Savior's Alexian Village in Milwaukee. At age 83, and with health issues, Br. Regis has turned the work of the warehouse over to Dave Holton, its new director.

"I've worked with Br. Regis for four to five months now," said Holton, "and Br. Regis is nothing short of a genius in how he participates in the world. There's a way he sees the world and is able to stay organized in what others might see as chaos and confusion."

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