Dear host families,

Thank you for hosting team members for Totus Tuus during the week they are on mission serving the youth in your parish. Being a host family for team members will hopefully bring many blessings for you and the Totus Tuus team. The Totus Tuus team members are spending one week in your parish (Saturday-Saturday). The team plans to arrive on Saturday afternoon and depart the following Friday or Saturday. The parish coordinator will arrange the arrival time of the team and explain other responsibilities for the host family.

While the team is at your home for one week we request that a simple breakfast be provided for the team members. It may be helpful to have snacks available for the team members throughout the week, but not necessary. Each team member is different as far as their preferences for breakfast and snacks; some may want protein in the morning whereas others may just want toast and a cup of coffee. We recommend asking the individuals staying with you for their preferences and appreciate your flexibility in accommodating the individual teachers you are hosting. Dinners and Lunches are typically in other parishioner’s houses or sack lunches provided at the program with the children, unless the parish coordinator has asked you to host a meal or two for the team. Your parish coordinator will let you know of any allergies or dietary concerns.

Please be aware that the teachers are full time missionaries and they have a rigorous schedule all week. They will need to be at the parish from 8:00am until 3:00pm. The afternoon break is from 3:00-5:00pm and is spent in prayer, rest, and team time which may include going to a host home for these activities. The team has dinner at 5:15pm and the Teen Program starts at 7:00pm and concludes at 9:00pm. The team will typically return to their host homes around 10:00pm and they should communicate with you if their arrival time will be any later, because we want to respect your schedules. Please let the members staying with you know when your family is typically in bed or provide them with an entry code or house key, so they may let themselves in and out of your home without disruption.

We are extremely grateful that you are opening your home for the teachers. In a certain sense, your family and home become a “home away from home” for our teachers. We hope that this will be an enriching opportunity for your family. If any issues arise with the teachers you are hosting, please contact their supervisor, Andrea Patch at apatch@catholiccincinnati.org or 513-263-6676.

In Christ,

Andrea Patch

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