

## SPECIAL TEAM FOR MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH



### **Cullen Gallagher - St. Mary University, St. Ignatius of Loyola (Team Leader)**

Hello, my name is Cullen Gallagher and I am a seminarian studying for the Archdiocese of St. Paul Minneapolis. I just completed my junior year of seminary at Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary, which is located on the campus of St. Mary's University in Winona, Minnesota. I grew up in the small country town of Maple Lake, Minnesota with my mom and brother, and it is where I first discovered the beauty of the Catholic faith. Since I grew up in the country, I spent a lot of time outside, which has made me grow in appreciation for the outdoors. I enjoy hunting, fishing, and Frisbee golfing, as well as most other outdoor activities. Similarly, I also enjoy watching movies and playing all sorts of card games. After my time with Totus Tuus this summer, I will continue in discernment as a senior at IHM Seminary. I am really excited about being a part of the Totus Tuus program this summer, and I am looking forward to discovering Gods call for me through this time of teaching at your parish.

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### **Michelle LaPlante--North Dakota State University, St. Gianna Beretta Molla (Co-Leader)**

Hello, there! My name is Michelle LaPlante, and I am thrilled to be serving on Totus Tuus this summer! Originally, I grew up in the countryside near Detroit Lakes, Minnesota with my parents, five brothers, and one sister. I now have three amazing nephews, as well! My parents put my Catholic upbringing first, and I remember saying the rosary together nightly. I might not have appreciated it at the time, but I now realize how wonderful it is to have a relationship with Mama Mary!

I decided to go to NDSU in Fargo for Elementary Education. This turned out to be a great adventure! The youth give me such hope and joy, and I can't imagine being in any other field. Having graduated in December 2017, I am excited to see what God does in my life this summer and beyond.

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### **Cece Roche - Minnesota State University, St. Joan of Ark**

My name is Cece Roche, and I go to school at Minnesota State University in Mankato. My home parish is St. Joseph's Catholic Church in the lovely, small town of Miesville. I come from a large family in which I have five sisters, two brothers, and five nephews. I am a very family-oriented person, so I like visiting with relatives and going on family vacations. I also enjoy dancing, hula-hooping, sparkles, singing, and laughing. My favorite animal is a killer whale, but I enjoy all animals big and small. I consider myself a four-year-old at heart because I am slightly obsessed with Disney movies and I am convinced that I'm a princess. Above all, I am completely in love with my Lord Jesus Christ. I also know that we are all royalty because we are children of the One True King. At the Newman Center on my campus, I have grown stronger in my relationship with God through bible studies, choir, discipleship, retreats, fellowship events, and conferences. I love getting to know God more and more each day, so I'm excited to share the Good News with the youth this summer in Totus Tuus!

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### **Zach Ochsenbauer - University of St. Thomas, Saint Pope John Paul II**

Hello, my name is Zachary Ochsenbauer. I'm 19 years old and I live in Forest Lake with my dad Tom, my younger brother Michael, and my younger sister Christina. I'm from St. Peter's parish in Forest Lake. Throughout my teenage years I became more involved with the youth group at my home parish which led me to begin a more serious prayer life. Now I am a first-year seminarian for the Archdiocese of St Paul and Minneapolis. I go to school at the Saint John Vianney College Seminary at the University of St Thomas.

I enjoy taking in the outdoors, fishing, hunting and camping. Nothing is more relaxing than sitting around a bonfire roasting marshmallows and enjoying the company of friends on a cool summer night. In high school, I was part of the track team and the downhill ski team. When I was in high school my dad and my cousin taught me how to fly airplanes so I have my private pilot license. I also enjoy flying model remote control airplanes. I am looking forward serving you through Totus Tuus this summer!