

# DTS Teen Testimonials

"DTS looks at the bigger things in life – beyond the natural to the super natural. We learn that the Saints, intercessory prayer, the Eucharist, Heaven, Hell and Purgatory are real and are presented in a way anyone can understand. DTS is a sneak peek at the world beyond this world!" *Lisa Stone – Newark, Ohio*

"I enjoy it! I enjoy the people! I enjoy learning what we learn!  
*Andrea Thompson – La Crosse, Wisconsin.*

I love DTS because it gives me the chance to learn more about some of the most important Saints of the Church. Learning about saints helps you understand the Catholic Church and it's teachings. DTS has also given me the opportunity to meet new friends and have fun.  
*Jenny Harris – Whitehall, Wisconsin*

I was brought to DTS by a friend. I'm a confirmed Catholic but had been attending a Protestant church at the time and through DTS and my experiences over the past few months I have been brought back to the grace and strength of the Church. My love for God has grown by leaps and bounds. I now feel ready to leave home, go to college, and face life with discipline and faith in God to carry me through. *Mary Larson – Ellsworth, Wisconsin.*

"It's been fun to watch it grow. It's a great place to hang out, and you can ask those hard questions. It's a lot of fun and a great way to learn about our faith!"  
*Shannon Breslin – Carmel, New York*

For many years I believed that society had slipped so far that nobody would even consider joining a Catholic youth program. After I saw DTS for the first time, I saw that there are people who actually would go to such and have fun in doing so. The same was true for me. I didn't think anything like this could be very fun either. Somehow it is. I think that if more people knew about DTS that many more would be interested in participating. This could ultimately lead to a better society. *Dan Moldenhauer – Ellsworth, Wisconsin*

DTS has changed my life. I have learned a lot about our faith and the people who are now Saints. Every time I come to DTS there is something new and exciting. When I am at DTS I forget about everything else in my life, and just clear my mind to be with God and learn about a saint. I look forward to every time I come to DTS. *Amanda Roberts – Hudson, Wisconsin*

DTS has broadened my knowledge of the most influential saints in our Catholic faith. Each time we have DTS we share our own thoughts about what the trials of the saint we were discussing must have been like. The stories we hear put our own trials into perspective. At DTS we also pray for all those who may be in need of help and for all the souls in Purgatory. When you're with a small group of people from different backgrounds that are all going for the same goal you can actually feel the power of your prayers flowing around you. I would encourage all to come and learn more about where our beliefs came from and who held them together when the roads were dark. *Dustin Dodge – Ellsworth, Wisconsin*

DTS is a place where I can learn about our rich Catholic heritage. By learning about the saints and following their example on how to be more Christ like, I can better live up to the DTS slogan “Dead to the World, Alive in Christ.” Beside learning about the faith, I learn more about my teen peers who I worship with at Mass. It’s a great way to make new friends and strengthen bonds with old friends. With Christ at the center of it all, there is no better way to make sure those bonds are pure. All in all, DTS is the place to be because it doesn’t matter who you are or what you’re like. We’re all brothers and sisters of Christ, and thus we we’re all welcome to be part of something great, something like DTS. *Billy Dodge – Ellsworth, Wisconsin*

## Other DTS Testimonials

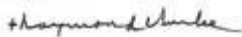
### *Archbishop Raymond Burke*

To Whom it May Concern,

The Dead Theologians Society, which I happily invited to the Diocese of La Crosse in the year 2002, has carried out very effectively the new evangelization among the youth and their families whom it serves. The apostolate, firmly grounded in the teachings of the Scriptures, the Ecumenical Councils, the Fathers of the Church and the Saints, and nurtured by prayer and Eucharistic Adoration, draws young people to an ever deeper knowledge of Christ and His Church, and a corresponding more fervent love of God and neighbor.

I am happy to commend The Dead Theologians Society to individual families and to parishes, as a most effective form of Catholic youth ministry.

Sincerely in Christ



(Most Rev.) Raymond L. Burke  
Archbishop of St. Louis



### *Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan*

This relatively new outreach to youth concentrates on scripture, prayer, doctrine, and study of the towering saints and theologians of the Church, and has met with amazing success in parishes where youth ministers have introduced it. I am delighted to endorse this promising evangelical and catechetical endeavor.

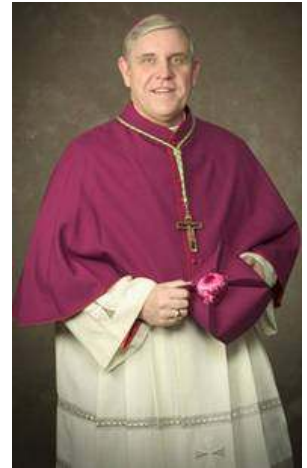
Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan  
Archdiocese of Milwaukee



## ***Bishop Jerome Listecky***

I have witnessed firsthand the tremendous impact the Dead Theologians Society has had on the lives of young people throughout the Diocese of La Crosse

The Most Reverend Jerome E. Listecky  
Bishop of La Crosse



## ***Bishop Robert Vasa***

To all the faithful inquiring about the Dead Theologians Society:

Through this letter I wish to recommend for your consideration The Dead Theologians Society, a national youth ministry program directed by Mr. Eddie Cotter, Jr.

The goal of The Dead Theologians Society, is to bring the lives and writings of the saints to the youth of today, in order that they might be challenged and encouraged to grow in holiness.

That study of the lives of saints is set in an environment attractive to youth and at the same time challenging. It is coupled with a deep devotion to prayer and most especially devotion to our Lord in the Most Holy Eucharistic. A living relationship with the saints an enlivened prayer commitment and most particularly, a regular encounter with our living Lord cannot help but lead our youth to a deeper love of Jesus Christ and His holy Church.

It is my hope that the parishes and missions in this Diocese will commit to the inclusion of DTS materials and format as an integral part of their youth ministry programs. The Dead Theologians Society has tremendous potential, not only to lead our young people to a deeper love of God but also to serve as a wonderful point of unity for the youth of our Diocese.

Asking every good grace and blessing of God upon you, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert F. Vasa".

The Most Reverend Robert F. Vasa  
Bishop of Baker, Oregon



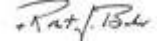
## ***Bishop Robert Baker***

To those Who Care About Catholic Youth Work:

It is a pleasure to recommend The Dead Theologian's Society to all those who are looking for an effective and faithful Catholic Youth program for their parishes. When the lives of the saints are unpacked for Catholic youth a host of graces become available for the Church.

Examples of heroic virtue and faith in the face of challenges can inspire and shape the teenage lives in ways so many youth programs simply cannot. It is not too much to say that the lives of the saints are living catechisms, written by the grace of God in these lives.

May the Lord bless this line apostolate and continue to bring its message and ministry to dioceses around the world!



Bishop Robert J. Baker, S.T.D.  
Bishop of Charleston

