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Newsletter

# Alive in Christ II

Saints of yesterday, inspiring the youth of today to become the saints of tomorrow

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## O What a Blessed Summer! – From the National Director

Greetings Friends in Christ and in the words of the Venerable Fr. Solanus Casey, "Blessed be God in all His designs!". The Good Lord has certainly blessed DTS during this summer. The apostolate continues to grow with courageous young people witnessing to their love for Jesus and the Church He founded, as modeled in the lives of the Saints. I've had the privilege to travel from Boston to San Francisco this summer, promoting DTS and meeting with existing DTS chapter leaders, young members, and their parents. What a thrill to see the enthusiasm and camaraderie among those involved with DTS. I'm convinced this enthusiasm and camaraderie are blessings from God and the result of a shared experience, a common bond among people who are trying to get to Heaven while leaving a mark in this world for Christ in the process. There exists a genuine optimism, a humble confidence and a desire for holiness that I'm blessed to witness first hand among so many of those I get to meet in the course of my DTS activities. It's hard to put into words really how grateful I am to the bishops, priests, parents, and chapter leaders who do their part to keep DTS unified and effective for our young people. A special



thanks also to our Board of Trustees and the benefactors who support and contribute to DTS. I'm extremely encouraged by the number of parishes who are renewing their chapter memberships for another year and the number of new chapters that will be kicking off this fall. September and October are the months when most DTS chapters begin their new year. May we especially keep our teens and young adult members in our prayers for a tremendous year.

## DTS Entrusted to Our Lady Queen of All Saints

The true highlight for this summer was the official Entrustment of the Dead Theologians Society to the Blessed Virgin Mary under her title, Our Lady Queen of All Saints by Most Reverend Robert C. Morlino of the Diocese of Madison. The Entrustment took place at the Bishop O'Connor Catholic Pastoral Center in Madison. In addition to Bishop Morlino, those in attendance were Executive Director Eddie Cotter, Development Director Rhett Young, Chapter Leader and Seminarian from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, Ryan Philly Ruiz, and DTS members from St. Mary's in Pine Bluff, Ben Emmel and Anna Shiedermayer. The event was covered by the The Catholic Herald and Relevant Radio. Entrusting DTS to Our Lady Queen of All Saints, was designated as the top priority in the three year "plan of attack" issued by the DTS Board of Trustees which met this past April. To also mark the occasion, an original icon of Our Lady Queen of All Saints was written by artist Elizabeth Stefanick. The icon was blessed by Bishop Morlino.



# Welcome to Our Newest DTS Chapters!

1. Sacred Heart of Jesus - Cullman, AL - Diocese of Birmingham
2. St. Mary of Czestochowa - New Kensington, PA - Diocese of Greenburg
3. Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception - Portland, ME - Diocese of Portland
4. Church of the Holy Spirit - Roscoe, IL - Diocese of Rockford
5. Our Lady of the Rosary - Boise, ID - Diocese of Boise
6. Sacred Heart/St. Mary - Norfolk, NE - Archdiocese of Omaha
7. Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Clovis, CA - Diocese of Fresno
8. Immaculate Conception of Dardenne - Dardenne Prairie, MO - Archdiocese of St. Louis
9. St. Stanislaus/St. Lawrence - Duncan, NE - Archdiocese of Omaha
10. St. Joseph - Wentzville, MO - Archdiocese of St. Louis
11. University of Saint Francis - Fort Wayne, IN - Diocese of Fort Wayne/South Bend
12. St. Joseph - Anderson, SC - Diocese of Charleston
13. St. Eugene - Weatherford, OK - Diocese of Oklahoma City
14. Corpus Christi - Carol Stream, IL - Diocese of Joliet
15. St. Philomena - Monticello, IL - Diocese of Peoria
16. St. John's Chapel/Newman University - Wichita, KS - Diocese of Wichita
17. Holy Family - Brillion, WI - Diocese of Green Bay
18. St. Anthony of Padua - Effingham, IL - Diocese of Springfield
19. St. Boniface/St. John - Bay City, MI - Diocese of Saginaw
20. Prince of Peace - Taylors, SC - Diocese of Charleston
21. Immaculate Conception Church - Lexington, Mo - Diocese of Kansas City/St. Joseph
22. Wausau Area Catholic Churches - Wausau, WI - Diocese of La Crosse
23. St. Christopher's Church - Buchanan, NY - Archdiocese of New York
24. St. Mary's - Chardon, OH - Diocese of Cleveland
25. St. Joseph Catholic Church - Issaquah, WA - Archdiocese of Seattle
26. Triumph of the Cross - Steubenville, OH - Diocese of Steubenville
27. All Saints - Logansport, IN - Diocese of Lafayette
28. St. Anne's - Porterville, CA - Diocese of Fresno
29. Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Rocky Mount, NC - Diocese of Raleigh

## Dead Theologians Society at Proud 2B Catholic Music Festival - Archdiocese of Boston

On August 12, DTS was given the opportunity to present the apostolate at a wonderful event held in Framingham, MA in the Archdiocese of Boston. The event is called Proud2BCatholic and it brings young people together from throughout the archdiocese for a day of festivities including music from Catholic artists, presentations from prominent speakers, games, food, Catholic vendors, and the highlight which is Mass. The Sacrament of Penance was also available throughout the festival. Eddie Cotter was one of the speakers at this year's event. Other speakers included former Ambassador to the Vatican, Ray Flynn and nationally renowned ventriloquist Al Getler.

The outdoor Mass was celebrated by Most Reverend Richard Malone, Bishop of Portland, Maine. Performers included Fr. Stan Fortuna, Bob Rice, Righteous B and Ayla Brown from American Idol.

## National Office hosts Chapter Leader Conference in Madison

DTS Chapter Leaders from throughout the country spent a valuable weekend together at the Bishop O'Connor Catholic Pastoral Center the weekend of August 25-27. Present were leaders new to the apostolate as well as a number of DTS veterans. The conference provided the opportunity for chapter leaders to, ask questions & share experiences, attend sessions pertinent to the work of the apostolate, pray together and share some great meals. The highlight was attending Mass together at St.



Mary's of Pine Bluff. Concelebrating with St. Mary's pastor Fr. Rick Heilman was Fr. Richard Karenbauer of St. Mary of Czestochowa Church in New Kensington, PA. Fr. Karenbauer has one of the newest DTS chapters and is already experiencing a very good response from the teens.



As the apostolate continues to grow, the National Office is planning another conference for this fall. This will help DTS to stay strong, unified and effective in its mission to lead young people to Christ through the examples of the Saints.



## DTS on the Airwaves throughout the Nation!

Relevant Radio continues its much appreciated support of DTS by having Eddie Cotter, Gary Gaudreau and Chris Stefanick as regular contributors about saints on its "Morning Air" program, hosted by Sean Herriott. You can find out more about Relevant Radio and listen to previously aired DTS talks on Saints by visiting their website at [www.relevantradio.com](http://www.relevantradio.com) Catholic Answers Live hosted by Jerry Usher aired a one hour call-in show about DTS with Eddie on July 24. You can find out more about Catholic Answers and the great work they do by visiting their website at [www.catholic.com](http://www.catholic.com) In His Sign Network aired a one hour live call-in show about DTS with Eddie on August 22. You can find out more about this wonderful and faithful Pennsylvania based radio apostolate by visiting their website at [www.inhissign.com](http://www.inhissign.com)

On September 17, Real Presence Radio, located in the Washington D.C. area, had a one hour program with Eddie, hosted by Nick Heidenberg. This is the third time Real Presence has featured DTS. We encourage you to visit their website at [www.realpresence.org](http://www.realpresence.org)

## National Office and Fifield Productions Produce DVD for DTS

This summer, the National Office has been working with talented videographer Paul Fifield of Fifield Productions on a promotional DVD to assist in the spreading of the apostolate. Sometimes it is a challenge to capture just what DTS is and how it is impacting so many young lives in a positive and powerful way. To meet this challenge a DVD highlighting the apostolate with testimonies from teens, young adults, parents, a seminarian, a pastor and many bishops who are involved with DTS was created. It is the hope of the National Office to secure the necessary funding to send this DVD to pastors throughout the country. Filming for this project was done in Madison and Pine Bluff, Wisconsin and in San Francisco, California. Our thanks to Bishop Morlino, Fr. Rick Heilman of St. Mary's - Pine Bluff and to the DTS teens and parents of St. Mary's in Pine Bluff and Holy Family in La Valle, Wisconsin and



*Eddie with DTS'ers from Our Lady Queen of the World Church outside of St. Patrick's Cathedral in San Francisco, CA*

to DTS leader Joe Murray and DTS teens from Our Lady Queen of the World in Bay Point, CA. A special thanks to Ryan Ruiz, seminarian from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati for his participation as well.

We are grateful to Paul Fifield for his prayerfulness and professionalism in this project and to Paul's family for their wonderful hospitality while Eddie was in California for the project. To learn more about Paul Fifield and his work please visit [www.FifieldProductions.com](http://www.FifieldProductions.com)

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- Visit the website to register your chapter
- Send us pictures and highlights about your DTS Chapter as we plan to highlight a chapter in each newsletter.

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*DTS Development Director Rhett Young, Paul Fifield, Bishop Morlino, and Ryan Ruiz at the Bishop O'Connor Center in Madison, WI, during filming of the Dead Theologians Society DVD project.*