

Planning a A CHILDREN'S HOLY FIELDTRIP to your Cathedral

Here are eight easy suggestions!

1. Call to reserve your Cathedral.
2. Gather a small working committee with breakout of responsibilities and timeline.
3. Plan the program. Our program was no longer than 1 hour.
 - Procession
 - Father exposed the Blessed Sacrament
 - Father spoke for a few moments
 - We prayed the Rosary
 - Prayer for Families and Life
 - Children received their blessing and departed
4. Mail a letter of invitation to the school principals and parish Pastor.
5. Once reservations are confirmed, put together a seating chart - pew signs.
6. Organize teams of volunteers'
 - Two teams of five - Greeters and Ushers to guide schools to their assigned seats. A little gift bag was prepared for each child, which included a Rosary and Holy Card. Bags were recounted for schools and presented to each school representative upon arrival. Each Rosary was packed in small snack bags to prevent tangling.
 - One team of two to place pew signs.
 - One team of two to line up and direct order of procession.
 - One team to set up video and sound equipment. We showed the "The Day the Sun Danced at Fatima" cartoon to keep children's attention while schools were being seated.
7. Prior to the event, we sent out a package to the schools participating, which included:
 - A letter outlining the schedule.
 - Bussing information – For example, which entrance of the Cathedral to arrive based on their seating assignment, resource information about Our Lady of Fatima, and a brochure about the Cathedral.
8. A staffed First Aide Station