



A "Year of the Eucharist" Children's Event A Fieldtrip to your Cathedral

Here are nine easy suggestions!

1. **Write a letter to your bishop or pastor of the Cathedral**, regarding a "Year of the Eucharist" event for children. Upon receiving permission reserve the Cathedral with the date October 7th -2005.
2. **You can invite a limited number of schools of the diocese to take the fieldtrip**, or certain grades from different schools to represent their school at the Cathedral. (Of course this depends on the size of your Cathedral)

3. **Gather a small working committee with breakout responsibilities and timelines.**

4. **Plan a simple program. Only One Hour!**

This is a suggested program and you can find more suggestions on the website.

- Procession of the Blessed Sacrament
- Exposition
- Pray the Rosary for Families, Life and all the children of the world
- A short talk to the children on the Eucharist
- Benediction
- Children will sing the song written and recorded by Dana for the Children's World-wide Event!
- Children receive their final blessing and depart.

5. **Mail a letter of invitation to the school Principals and Parish Pastors.** Remind secretary to call School Bus Co. to reserve your buses.

6. **Once reservations are confirmed, put together a seating chart - pew signs for each school.**

7. **Organize teams**

- Greeters and Users to guide schools to their assigned seats.
- Little gift bags (baggies) were recounted for students and were presented to each school representative upon arrival. Contents (Rosary, Medal, Prayer Card etc.)
- One team of two, to place pew signs
- One team of two, to organize the order of the procession.
- One team to set up a large screen, video and sound equipment. We showed the "The Day the Sun Danced at Fatima" cartoon to help children's attention while all the schools were being seated.

8. **Prior to the event, we sent out a package to each participating school which included,**

- A letter outlining the schedule
- Busing information - For example, which entrance of the Cathedral to arrive based on their seating assignment, resource information about Our Lady of Fatima, and brochure about the Cathedral.

9. **A Staffed First Aide Station**