



# A CHILDREN'S HOLY FIELDTRIP

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## A Priest's Response

“As a priest of nearly seventeen years, never have I had such a powerful, even mystical, experience of children praying the Rosary and honoring Our Lady of Fatima, as was the case in the Children’s Holy Fieldtrip of October 7, 2003.

From my vantage point in the sanctuary of the Cathedral, I looked out upon a sea of thousands of children on their knees, with eyes and voices lifted towards Heaven, and better understood the words of our Lord,

*“Let the Children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God.”*

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