



St. Elizabeth's Day Home Celebrates 100th Anniversary in San Jose

On Sunday, September 30, St. Elizabeth's Day Home celebrated their 100th anniversary in San Jose with Mass, a barbeque lunch, entertainment and blessings for everyone. A busload of sisters went from the Motherhouse, as well as numerous sisters from other local convents. There were hot dogs and hamburgers, chips, drinks, and lots of cake, plus balloon animals and face painting, and entertainment both magical and musical. What a great celebration!



Above, a banner proclaimed the Sisters of the Holy Family a Platinum Sponsor. Other banners honored other sponsors.



Above, Sister Gladys gathered the children around for her homily, which centered on the exploits of Dora the Explorer and the similarities between her and the founders of the Day Home in San Jose. Right, the children bring forward stars naming individuals and groups who had a central role in the growth of the day home ministry. Other Dora 'props' included a lavender backpack, a map, and photos of the founders of the congregation.



The walls of the day home were filled with children's artwork, including the mural at the right, with a centerpiece proclaiming "I think you're wonderful," surrounded by cutouts of children colored and dressed to show the diversity of cultures represented at the Day Home.



Below, there was also a blessing of the teachers and staff of the Day Home, and a blessing of the Ladies of Charity whose efforts help support the Day Home ministry in San Jose.

Above, there was a blessing of the Sisters of the Holy Family, and for each sister, a potted rose plant with a card made by a child in the Day Home. The children themselves brought the roses to the sisters, some with a grin and a flourish and some quite shyly.

