

Imagine 17 children,
five 3-year-olds
four 4-year-olds
four 5-year-olds
two 6-year-olds
one 7-year-old
one 8-year-old,
with parents helping,
putting paper "beads" on the floor to make a decade rosary.

Imagine each of the 17 children standing on a paper "heart",
holding the plastic heart in the decade rosary the child made.

Imagine 17 children praying a decade of the rosary with parents guiding the way;
thirty-four feet moving to the next paper "bead";
little fingers moving the next plastic bead;
mouths saying the prayers of the rosary.

Imagine 17 children,
five 3-year-olds
four 4-year-olds
four 5-year-olds
two 6-year-olds
one 7-year-old
one 8-year-old,
and 17 adults,
praying a decade of the rosary
(with a 1-year-old wandering around and a baby in a parent's arms).

A decade of the rosary;
12 prayers in a row.

No one whining.
No one complaining.
No one asking "How much longer?".

Everyone praying;
moving to the next paper bead,
fingering the next plastic bead.
Everyone on task.

This happened at our Little Lambs class.
Driving home, reflecting on the morning, my heart was full.
"Thank you Holy Spirit!"