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ARCHBISHOP OF NEW YORK TIMOTHY DOLAN CELEBRATES THE BICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE SISTERS OF CHARITY WITH THE CHILDREN, STAFF, LEADERSHIP AND FRIENDS OF ELIZABETH SETON PEDIATRIC CENTER AND JOHN A. COLEMAN SCHOOL

(New York, NY) On July 28, 2009, the Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan, Archbishop of New York, attended a liturgy at the Shrine of St. Elizabeth Seton to celebrate the bicentennial anniversary of the founding of the Sisters of Charity.

The mass which was celebrated in the shrine on State Street in lower Manhattan on a balmy summer afternoon was well attended by a number of the Sisters, as well as the children, staff, leaders and friends of the Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center and the John A. Coleman School.



Archbishop Timothy Dolan with Daysi

The Sisters of Charity and all those in attendance were so touched and grateful for the kind and generous remarks of Archbishop Dolan near the end of the mass. The Archbishop spoke passionately of his love for St. Elizabeth and his gratitude and joy to spend the afternoon with the Sisters and all of those who continue to carry out the work of compassionate loving care for children in need.

The congregation of the Sisters of Charity was founded by Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton on July 31, 1809. Since that time the Sisters have developed a strong network of medical, educational and social programs to provide for poor, sick and forgotten children.

The Sisters of Charity of New York sponsor both the Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center and the John A. Coleman School, among a number of other organizations, as concrete expressions of their mission to reveal God's love to all in need, especially the poor.

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The Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center and John A. Coleman School are committed to changing the lives of medically fragile children, one child at a time. The Center serves children from infancy through age 21 from the Boroughs of New York and Westchester and Putnam Counties who suffer from premature birth complications, cerebral palsy, congenital heart disease, chronic lung disease, chromosome disorders, metabolic disorders, respiratory disorders, muscular and neurological diseases, and immunodeficiency syndromes. The majority cannot walk, eat or breathe independently. 75% require long-term care; 40% receive palliative care.