



## “LITTLE CHRISTMAS”

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*Many people might think that Christmas only comes once every year on December 25.*

**T**hat is not the case! On November 9, 2008, the joy and celebration at St. Thomas Church was as festive as that of Christmas Day! Present among the families and community at St. Thomas Church were seven little angels adorned in white suits, red bows/neckties and satin white dresses. They walked down the center aisle to the melodic sound of the organ and singing of parents, families, relatives, administrators, teachers, friends, and regular church goers. These children have been studying catechism for at least one year. After many catechetical instructions and after an over-night retreat at Seelos House, the children are now ready to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. They had been well-prepared and now, today, the whole church of St. Thomas celebrates with them and their families for they will receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the very first time in their life! Their innocent and purity radiates from their simple joy. Their beautiful white dresses and suits, flower arrangements, and liturgy of the Mass all add to the excitement of this special occasion.

“Witnessing the children receive Jesus for the first time in their life,” Fr. Travis mentioned in his homily, “should remind us adults of the privilege that we have when we were young and were given the opportunity to share in The Body and Blood of Christ.” We are all called to love and to unite in fellowship with one another. May we become what we eat! Jesus Christ for others! Let us live out the motto of our school in our daily life at home, at school and in community as we are Union of Hearts.