

January 18, 2012

**RE: First Eucharist Banners**

Each and every child is special to God. First Communicants are asked to each make a banner which will hang on the pews in Church in celebration of their First Eucharist Day. *As a family*, please trace and decorate the girl/boy symbolizing your child's very special qualities. For example, are they a dancer, do they love certain sports, have a favorite color, or subject in school, or do they have a favorite saint? Create the girl/boy pattern in felt to depict your child.

**Please follow the directions below to create and complete this special project:**

1. Buy on felt piece, any color (**9" x 12" pre-cut**) Portrait size only. No larger or smaller than 9" X 12." Please put the banner on a hanging dowel rod with string, so we may hang them on the pew.
2. **Trace** the boy or girl pattern onto another piece of felt and glue it to your banner felt.
3. Decorate the boy/girl figure using material, felt, beads, sequins, buttons, yarn, google eyes, puffy paint, and use props to depict your child's interests and personality. Please glue everything tightly so that it does not fall off in Church. You may wish to use a photo for your child's face on the boy/girl figure.
4. **NO GLITTER PLEASE!!**
5. Try not to make it too heavy or it will fall off the string.
6. Put your child's first and last name on the banner. You may wish to use precut felt adhesive letters, or you may make your own letters. Putting your child's name of the banner identifies where your family will be sitting in Church for the First Eucharist celebration.
7. **Return your banner with the string attached to it to the First Communion Practice in Church on April 19, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

Thank you for participating in this special project. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Warmly in Christ,

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