



2017 First Holy Communion Banner Project

The First Communion banner is a special project for you and your child to create together. The banner will be a keepsake for your child and your family and will be displayed in our church at our First Communion Masses. Banners are due to your child's teacher or to Mrs. Veto on Sunday, April 2, 2017 (the day of our First Holy Communion Retreat for parents and children).

Here are details about creating a First Communion banner with your child:

- Each banner will need to show a Chalice (wine cup), Communion Host(s), the date of First Holy Communion, and your child's full name.
- Throughout our time of preparation for First Holy Communion, our children will learn about the symbols of this special sacrament. You and your child may decorate his/her banner any way you like, as long as the symbols relate to Communion and our faith.
- Any students not receiving First Holy Communion are still members of our class/family. Their banners need only say "2nd grade First Communion" or "Saint Hilary 2nd Grade", the child's name and the date.
- The banner will need to be made out of 18 inch x 12 inch felt (this is the main banner background). You can purchase this at any craft store such as Joann Fabric or Michael's. Any banners which exceed this size will not be displayed in the church, as space is very limited.
- The items you and your child place on the banner can be made out of felt, foam or other fabric, glitter, beads, ribbon, etc. Be creative in

designing the banner with your child, layering symbols and textures. The banner should be a reflection of your son/daughter.

- Below is a list of the symbols you might use on the banner, as well as the meaning of each. Please choose at least 4 of these symbols with your child for his/her banner.
 - Heart: shows our loving God
 - Cross: represents our faith as Christians
 - 3-Leaf clover: represents the Holy Trinity
 - Bread: represents the Body of Christ present in the Eucharist
 - Grapes: represents the gift of wine which becomes the blood of Christ
 - Holy flames: represent the Holy Spirit *OR* you may use a Dove to represent the Holy Spirit in our lives.
 - Chalice: represents the Cup of our Faith
 - Bible: represents the Word of God.
 - Rainbow: represents our Covenant with God
- Photos of two examples of banners are at the bottom of this document.
- Think of this project as a family project, as part of your child's preparation for First Holy Communion. Enjoy creating this memento together!
- Please contact Lisa Veto (lveto@sainthilaryschool.org) if you have any questions about the project.

Example 1:



Example 2:

