

# First Communion Family Banner

**This is a family project to complete at home and turn in at the First Communion Retreat**

Each family is given white felt to create a family banner. These banners will decorate the pews during the First Communion Mass. Pay close attention to the directions so that your banner will be able to be hung properly. Banners missing dowel rods will be given back to families to complete. Completed banners are turned in at the April Class.

Banners are to carry a Communion/ Eucharist theme whether you choose to use words and/or symbols. Sports and play activities of the children are not appropriate themes. Include your family name on the banner. Be as creative as you like using fabric, paint, felt, or other craft materials. However, Do Not glue paper onto the banner, it will not stay on. Do Not tape materials onto the banner, they will not stay on. Most Scrapbook materials with sticky backs usually do not stay on for long and fall off the banner while it is hanging up right. If Scrapbook materials are used it is best to hot glue them on.

You will need to turn the top of the felt over and make a space for the wooden rod to fit through, either glue or sew the edge onto the back. You can purchase dowel rods at crafts stores, Jo Ann Fabric, Wal-Mart and Home Depo. Your dowel rod can not extend more than ¼ inch out either side of the banner. String for the dowel rod will be provided by us so that all the banners will hang evenly in church. **The banners will be hung on pews throughout church and not on any specific pews. Seating on Communion Day is first come, first served bases so there are no reserved pews except where the children sit together up front.**

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