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Dear Parents of First Communicants,

Everything is new; everything is holy because of Christ! Your child's First Communion is opening day for receiving an inexhaustible source of love and strength in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. The consecrated bread and wine, which truly become the sacred body and blood of Jesus is at the heart of our faith. We are united with Jesus and one another by sharing in this Holy Banquet. The Eucharist is the essence of celebration in the Catholic Church.

In honor of this hallow Sacrament we invite each family to create a family banner. These banners will drape the church on First Holy Communion Day. The banner serves as sign and symbol of family jubilation. It is a welcoming of your child to the Table of the Lord.

The dimensions of the banner should be 10 in. wide by 18 in. long. It should be made of felt (any color) and decorated with family, religious and/or community symbols. The family name and date of First Holy Communion day should appear on the banner. Specific symbols will be the discretion of child and parents. All banners should suspend with ribbon or yarn on a dowel rod. **Banners are due April 21/22.**

Suggestions: Jo Ann Fabrics is one store to purchase materials. Iron-on letters or sew-on letters are fine to use for date and family name. Symbols should represent special events in your child's life.

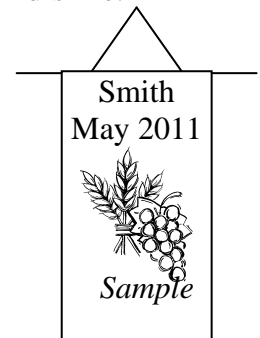
Love of family: photos, family crests

Love of Community: church, school

Love of God: Baptismal date, Scripture verse, Special prayer

Symbol of the Eucharist

May God's blessings continue to pour forth on your family as you journey in Sacramental preparation, with your child, for the Most Holy Eucharist.



In the peace of Christ,

Sandi Morgan

