

# **First Communion Banner**

**Purpose: To encourage the children to become involved in the preparation for their First Holy Communion and provide opportunities to discuss symbols and meanings of this important sacrament of initiation to the Catholic Church.**

**Parents, please include your child in the banner making process as much as possible.**

Materials Provided: Muslin-like Fabric ( 18"x45")  
1- 18" Dowel  
1- Cord for Hanging.

Banner directions:

\*\* If you want a fringe at the bottom of you banner: Trim the salvage, then pull the tiny cross threads from the bottom of the banner. We suggest a 2-3 inch fringe. This is quite time consuming, however does need to be done first.

\*\* Hem the sides of the banner. We suggest you turn a quarter of an inch twice and then sewing it down. If you have a serger, you may want to serge the edges and then only turn it once.

\*\* Make a one inch casing to slide the dowel through at the top of the banner. (Note: banner should look narrow and hang vertical)

\*\* Securing the cord. It is best to hot glue the cord to the edge of the banner. You could also get wooden dowel caps for more decoration.

\*\* Decorating: Iron your banner well before you start. Banners can be decorated using symbols and words which express the meaning of the Eucharist (i.e.: bread, grapes, wheat, wine, the chalice, host or other symbol of your choice). You can use things like felt, beads, sequene, braid, ribbon, pearls. If you want something a little easier to attach, they now have iron on felt, sticky back felt, and T-shirt iron-on paper that you can print from your computer. You simply find or scan in the picture and words that you want and then print it onto iron-on paper. Then you can iron it onto the banner. **Please include your child's first and last name on the banner (date is optional).**

**Please have your banner done and bring it with for First Communion Practice. We will display the banners on the wall for Mass.**

**After Holy Communion Mass, please take the banners home with you.**