

# FIRST COMMUNION BANNERS

This kit contains materials for creating the banner that will mark your family's pew in the Church for your child's First Communion. Please remember: **your child's name must appear in some fashion on the front of the banner.**

All the directions given in these instructions are OPTIONAL. They are listed here for those who feel they need artistic help. We encourage your child to be creative and use the contents of this kit to design a banner that is as unique and special as they are to God. However, you may choose to use all, some or none of the pieces provided in the banner kits or you may choose to purchase other decorations to put on the banner. Whatever materials your child decides to use the project must be child centered and child organized. Please let your child create their own banner with little assistance from you. This project should take about 1-1/2 hours to complete, plus additional drying time for the glitter glue.

All decorations need to be in good taste or they will not be displayed. **Banners will need to be turned in on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 to their Teacher or Catechist.** If your child will not be present that day you will need to turn in the banner to the Faith Formation office no later than Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup> before noon as the banners will need to be put up early Sunday morning before Mass.

## Banner materials include:

- Banner Base
- 1 Dowel Rod
- 2 Dowel Caps
- 2 Chalice Cut-outs
- 1 Host Cut-out
- 2 Wheat Heads
- 1 tan chenille stem (wheat stems, cut in half)
- 12 Grape Cut-outs (6 of each color)
- 2 Grape Leaf Cut-outs
- 2 Felt Gates
- 1 Braided Cord
- 1 Tube White Craft Glue
- 2 Tubes Glitter Glue
- Assorted gems and felt scraps for accents

As you can see there are unlimited combinations that can be made from this one kit. Banner examples are included as inspiration; but we encourage you and your child to create your own one-of-a-kind design. Please feel free to return any of the banner materials that you do not use.

## Helpful Hints:

- Have your child arrange felt pieces on banner base without gluing them down until he/she is satisfied with the look.
- Don't forget to leave space for the name. Your child's name **MUST** appear on the face of the banner. (Date is optional).

- Glitter glue can take a long time to dry. Please be patient and set your banner in a safe place to dry for 6-12 hours before you touch it. Lay flat to dry – **DON'T RUSH**. Occasionally details made with glitter glue may crack and pull apart as it dries. If this happens, simply add more glitter glue to fill in the broken areas. If you happen to get glitter glue in an area you don't want it to be, the best way to remove it is to immediately take a toothpick and scrape it off the felt.
- The glue pens contained in this kit are sealed to prevent them from drying out or accidentally spilling. Before using each pen, you will need to remove the cap, and cut off the tip of the pen.
- If your child chooses to decorate their chalices with felt details, they will need a sharp pair of scissors to cut the felt, otherwise, everything they need is contained in this kit.

