



At Home First Holy Communion Parent & Child Retreat My First Communion Banner St. Ann 2021

Place your “My First Communion” card stock on a workspace that allows the student and at least one parent to work together. You will need the cardstock and colored pencils, markers, crayons (colored tissue or other colored paper, glue and paints are optional).

1. Turn the banner over to the blank side and, with a pencil, write in small letters the student’s First and Last Name and the Class Name in the lower right hand corner. (For example: “Joey Lake, Monday Night” or “Amber Cook, SAS Gr. 2”).
2. With crayons or markers, write the student’s **first name only** in big, bold, visible letters in the box at the top of the front side of the poster.
3. Then color in the block letters that say “My First Communion”.
4. Your banner will be brought in and hung up on the big windows in the narthex before your First Communion. The sun coming in from the blank side will give a “Stained Glass” appearance to the Communion Circle with the Host and Chalice in it. The other symbols are wheat and bread.
5. As you decorate the Communion Circle, the main directive is to be reverent. The host must not take on the look of any other object (so no balls, designs, etc.). It should look like a host, so white or ivory please. Chalices are to be made of precious metals, so silver, gray, gold are all appropriate.
6. We have traditionally used colored tissue paper and glue to decorate these. You may use other colored paper or even paint paper to tear up and use. This creates a pretty mosaic look. You may also use crayons, markers, colored pencils or paints for your Communion Circle if you prefer or do not have colored paper and glue.
7. Be Creative and Colorful!
8. St. Ann School students should bring the banners to school to turn in. PRE students will be given drop off options for your banners soon. All are due by April 11.

-If you have not yet received the information for the rest of your retreat, it will be emailed to you soon. You are welcome to do your banner ahead of time.-