

FIRST EUCHARIST

Dear Parents:

For many years our youngsters preparing for First Eucharist have made at home a "FELT FIGURE" **representation of themselves** to hang on a large FIRST EUCHARIST BANNERS displayed in the gathering area of church as children begin receiving their First Eucharist after Easter. The felt figure "model" for your child to personalize is enclosed in this bag, along with the **child's name tag that has been adhered to the back side of the figure**, so that it can be returned to you as a keepsake.

The felt figure may be personalized in any way that your child chooses (e.g., use yarn for hair, a photo picture for a face, buttons for accessories). Be creative! Use anything you have at home, including scraps of material or trim to do the project. However you decorate the felt figure, remember that it is intended to **represent** your child and his/her interest. Family photos glued onto the figure are also acceptable. Often children represent themselves in their First Eucharist outfits.

Whatever you use, please make sure all "decorations" are securely attached/glued to the figure, and that the glue has dried before returning the figure to us in a plastic Ziploc bag. A blue or pink index card is attached to the felt figure. On the card is printed a statement which we would like you and your child to complete. The statement reads: **THIS IS SOMETHING MY PARENTS SAID THE FIRST TIME THEY SAW ME.**

The completed "works of art" need to be returned by **April 1**, in order to be included on the banners. If your child attends St. Brendan School, return the figure (in the plastic bag) to his/her teacher. If your child attends our Faith Formation program, return the completed figure (in the plastic bag) to their catechist on Monday or, if participating in our Home Faith program, drop it off at the parish office during the week.

Each year the banners with the boy and girl felt figures are a delight for all parishioners to see and admire. We look forward to seeing your creative efforts. Have fun! Enjoy this time and activity together.