

Making the First Communion Scrapbook

Parents are asked to prepare a First Communion Scrapbook over the course of the year with their children. As you are assembling the Scrapbook, discuss with your child why each picture is included. This Scrapbook will be brought on the day of First Communion and displayed in the Church.

How to get started: Simply obtain a photo album or bind several sheets of heavy paper together. Please arrange the Scrapbook into FOUR sections:

A. Remembering Our Baptism

Please include in this section pictures of your child's baptism, family members, etc. Recall with them the meaning of their Baptism as you put the pictures together. You may also wish to include other pictures which illustrate the symbolic meaning of water - waterfalls, waves, people drinking water, oases in the desert, etc.

B. Jesus Christ Our Lord and Brother

Please fill two pages illustrating the themes "Jesus loves us," and "we love one another." Include pictures of stories from the Gospels, or ask the children to draw a picture of their own showing several examples. Also include pictures of people helping one another, playing together, etc.

C. Meals Bring People Together

In the scrap book, arrange pictures of people sharing meals together, especially large meals such as Thanksgiving and Christmas. Include pictures of your own family celebrations. Include pictures of bread and wine to help the children make the connection between the meals they share and the Eucharist.

D. The Liturgy Is A Thanksgiving Meal

Share pictures from the Mass, including both the proclamation of the Word as well as the sharing of Eucharist. Help them to understand that Jesus Christ truly comes to them in both the readings and the Eucharist which we receive at Mass. Include a picture of the Last Supper and the Crucifixion to illustrate that Jesus offered himself to us.

The preceding are offered as suggestions, but the Scrapbook should follow the outline given. Use your imagination! Be creative! Helping the children to better understand the Eucharist is the goal you are seeking.

