



Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

In preparation for your child's First Eucharist, our service project is to complete and donate a quilt for someone in need.

Each child will design a quilt square that will be a part of the final project.

The completed quilt will be donated to Catholic Charities Residential or Refugee Resettlement program.

Hi, my name is Joan Fischer and I will be helping with the First Eucharist service project. Once all of the children have completed and turned in their quilt blocks, I will assemble the blocks into the donation quilt. As I have been working on these quilts over the past few years, I have come upon some stumbling blocks in the quilt preparation – so I have put together a few guidelines for you. I would ask that you please keep them in mind as you and your child work on this very special project.

Theme: Symbols of the Eucharist
Due Date: December 12th

Guidelines ~

Please press the block fabric before your child does any artwork on it.

I cannot always remove creases after the work has been done.

There is a piece of freezer paper included with the block fabric. If you iron the shiny side of the freezer paper to the back of the block – it will make working on the block much easier.

Use a warm, but not hot, iron. The freezer paper will be removed before the quilt is assembled.

There is a fine pencil line ½" in from the edge of the block. Please be sure that all artwork and writing remains within those lines.

Anything outside of the line will not be seen after the quilt is completed.

Artwork, writing or drawing, should be done with the following supplies:

- ✦ Micron Pigma Pens – they are permanent and will not bleed – I suggest these be used on a protected surface.
- ✦ Crayola Crayons – good, old fashioned quality will not bleed. Once artwork is completed the colors need to be heat-set in order to become permanent. I will take care of that step for you.

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Please DO NOT use sharpies – the artwork will bleed into the fabric.

Please DO NOT use washable markers – they will run and/or wash away.

If the block design will have any fabric attached to it, please secure it with stitches, fabric glue, or fusible webbing. Any attachments need to be washable and permanently secured.

Please DO NOT use sequins, beads, or buttons

Please DO NOT use items meant for scrapbooking – they are adorable, but not quilt-worthy. They are generally fabricated from paper and will not withstand the using of the quilt.

I realize that I have given you some guidelines that may crimp your style. As I assemble and quilt the blocks, I am handling and pressing them over and over again. Items that are too fragile or not permanently affixed can be spoiled regardless of the care I take in putting the quilt together.

Please be sure to have your child write his or her name on their block. The children look for their blocks on the completed quilt and delight in finding them. Sometimes they forget just what their block looks like and need to see their name to be certain.

Please remember that the end product of this project is a quilt that will be given to a family in need. It will be well-worn and well-loved as it represents the love and caring that our Lord asks us to share. It is both an honor and a privilege to be able to assist in the making of this gift. If you have any questions or troubles as your child works on the block, you are welcome to contact me at quiltingbyjoan@aol.com. Please put “Communion Quilt” in the subject line; I’ll get back to you as soon as possible.

Yours in Jesus’ service,

Joan
Quilt Project Coordinator