

Making a banner for the Family Faith Festival

Dear families,

We are looking forward to spending time with you at the next Family Faith Festival day. We propose to each family to prepare a family project beforehand to bring with you: a FAMILY BANNER, which you may decorate, as you wish, to represent your family for that day.

IF YOU HAVE ONE FROM PREVIOUS YEARS, THAT IS FINE!

It should not require much of your precious time!!

The banner **will be carried by the family for the Morning prayer and during the afternoon procession**, and otherwise will be exposed in front of the Brothers' Chapel the rest of the day. We have standard banner holders which were used last year that you can borrow for the day.

These are our recommendations:

- you can choose any material you like (paper, cloth...) light to medium weight
- the finished size of the banner should be 18 to 21 inches in width
- the minimum length should be around 25", but it can be much longer if you wish
- If using cloth, make the "tube" for the dowel rod by turning under 3 to 4" from the top. Stitch or glue. Cut a U shape in the center of this tube 3" down and 4" wide.
- If using lightweight fabric, it can be helpful to make a hem at the bottom with small weights to help it hang properly. (pennies work well as weights.) - You can hem the sides or glue as needed as well.
- Decorate with your family name and any symbols or images important to your family.
- When you bring the banner, we will provide a ½ inch dowel to place horizontally through the sleeve. This will allow the banner to hang on the vertical pole provided by the brothers and sisters. *Need ideas? google "DIY Garden Flag"

Here is a model from previous years, for the top part, in order to illustrate the explanations:



The banner with horizontal bar slipped through sleeve



Close detail of U shape in top center on dowel