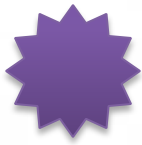




How to Decorate



Your Flag!



Soon to arrive, via the mail, is a white, cotton flag for the young people of your parish to decorate and make their own, a good representation of the whole parish community.

To be used at the Youth Ministry Convention this year during the Opening Ceremonies on Friday night, please be sure to bring it with you and to select one flag bearer. It is our hope to utilize these parish flags at each annual YM Convention over the coming years.

Be creative and inclusive! Utilize a variety of art and decorative forms that would be conducive to the cloth fabric. Before using paints or markers, be sure to test a corner for any bleeding. Invite all youth who will be participating in the YM Convention, this year, as well as those youth who may not be able to. Invite youth who may not be involved in YM activity, but who belong to the parish. Get everyone involved! And, why not include an experiential prayer, snacks, and/or a reflective or catechetical session? The idea centers around discipleship and community, as we are one in the Lord.

Flag dimensions: 4' x 6'

The Pole: We ask each parish to supply their own pole, whether made of wood or metal. The pole should be 3" in diameter and can be purchased at a local hardware store or Home Depot. You may even have a young person who could make a wooden pole sufficient to carry the flag!

Materials for Decoration: Felt, markers, cloth, other decorative items that can identify your parish community by name, words and symbols.

Need Some Help? Check out the video on "How to Decorate Your Flag," made by our Catholic Youth Leadership Team Members:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2nLfOXcI9g&spfreload=5>

**HAVE FUN! ~ BE CREATIVE! ~ CELEBRATE COMMUNITY!
INVOLVE AS MANY YOUTH AS YOU CAN!**