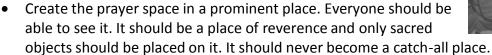
CREATING A PRAYER SPACE OR PRAYER TABLE



- Decorate the prayer space with noble simplicity. You will want to enthrone (prop up) a Bible and possibly keep a bowl of blessed water on it. At the first gathering of the year,
- you may want to plan a simple Bible or prayer space dedication service, consecrating the area to prayer. This will help the learners to recognize the space as sacred. Use the colors of the church liturgical seasons. This will help build connections with the
- Sunday Mass and the entire community's worship. The liturgical colors and seasons are:
 - Advent Violet or Blue
 - Christmas White
 - Ordinary Time Green
 - Lent reddish purple
 - Easter White
- Liturgical symbols include bread, wine oil, water, light and the cross. Adaptable objects are wheat, dried bread loaves, water bowl, oil bottle, wine cup, candles, and a wooden cross. For the specific liturgical seasons suggestions include:
 - Lent rocks, sand, cactus, bowl of ashes, crucifix, dried flowers, thorn sprigs, grey/earthtone fabric accents
 - Easter white candles, water bowl, oil bottle/bowl picture of the Risen Christ, fresh flowers
 - Advent artificial and real evergreen, purple/blue ribbons, Advent wreath (3) purple and one pink candle - no candle in center (that is not Catholic) seasonal flowers, empty manger/stable
 - Christmas manger, white poinsettias, white candle
 - Ordinary Time in summer light green colors, candle, green plants, summer flowers, seashells
 - Ordinary Time in fall darker green colors, candle and fall flowers or leaves
 - Ordinary Time in winter darker green colors, candle, winter foliage, pine cones
- Special symbols that can be used during sacrament preparation are
 - Reconciliation pot/bowl of incense, Act of Contrition scroll, purple fabric accents
 - First Eucharist bread, wheat stalks, artificial grapes, plate, wine cup, bread basket
 - Confirmation red sash, glass oil container, basket/display with each person's Confirmation name, baptismal candle or small white garment, Holy Spirit image dove or flame
 - Choose and display items with care. Remember the space should be simple, uncluttered and elicit a sense of sacredness for deepening personal prayer while creating a reminder of being part of the larger liturgical life of the Church.