

ALTAR SERVER



DESCRIPTION/OVERVIEW:

Altar servers have the privilege of assisting the priest/presider during Mass and other liturgical functions.

ACTIVITIES:

- assisting with the book of prayers when the presider needs to read from it
- helping to set the altar table with the bread and wine

EXPECTATIONS:

- Children and adults are welcome to be a part of this ministry. Children are expected to have made their First Holy Communion.
- Participate in the celebration of the liturgy with respect and prayerfulness.
- Attend periodic training sessions.
- Scheduling for each weekend Mass is on a rotating schedule.

Witness Statement 1:

“I wanted to be an altar server since first grade. Being an altar server can help you build a stronger relationship with God and the Church. It's also a great opportunity to help the priest and make new friends. I am really glad that I volunteered for this ministry.”

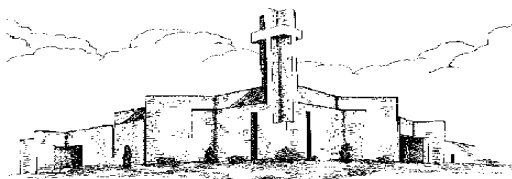
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Witness Statement 2:

It was around 4th or 5th grade, and Irene Lucas came into my religious education classroom and asked my class if anyone wanted to be an altar server. Only about four of us stepped forward to sign up. Two weeks later, I got a call from Father Ritchie saying that training was later that day. I could not tell you how excited I was.

Ever since, altar serving has increased my faith with God. I would go to church every Sunday to see if I could serve. There were times that I would walk in and Father would ask if I could “suit up” really quickly because he needed someone to cover for the person who wasn't there. I love serving! It makes me feel like I am part of a team. It also makes me feel like I give back to the community. Altar serving led me to mission trips (four to be exact) and it has led me to becoming the altar server trainer at our church. It was a calling for me. It made me who I am today. I'm proud of who I am today.

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