

Hi Altar Servers,

I hope you each got a chance to serve with our summer resident seminarian, Joe. He was a great help to the altar servers, new and old. Please keep him in your prayers as he continues his studies.

We have a few reminders/updates for you.

- Please arrive at least 15 min early for Mass. (Otherwise, it makes it hard to know if we need to find a replacement)
- during the Sign of Peace, please stay by your chairs.
- during communion, step forward to receive and then move to your places

- we always need a senior (experienced, knowledgeable) altar server scheduled and present at each Mass.

(if this is you, please get a like substitute if you need to miss)

**- At the end of Mass, Please, hang up your ALBS!!!! use the snaps!!!**

(if this continues to be a problem, we have talked about requiring each server to purchase their own alb to keep at home and take care of themselves.)

#### **NEW**

- The staff and clergy would like to begin promoting servers based on experience, commitment, reliability, and testable knowledge. More information will follow.
- the senior servers will take a leadership role in guiding the newer/younger servers
- keep an eye out for the new Altar Server Handbook and future training classes. These are necessary for refreshing, updates and changes and REQUIRED for all.

- **Processional** - as you approach the altar, all servers will give a slight bow (with head only) at the bottom step of the sanctuary and immediately go to place the candles/cross in their stand. The St. Joseph side torch bearer will go behind the altar, bow to the altar and continue to their chair. This is the similar for the cross bearer and other torch bearer, except they will go to the left of the altar and straight to their chair.

- **Recessional** - immediately at dismissal, you will go to retrieve the candles and cross, and walk up the center aisle (cross bearer at row 4), face the sanctuary and wait for the clergy to come to the bottom step to genuflect. Then everyone will turn around and head out.

Thank you for your service. Please ask questions if needed. We are here to help!!

We all hope that you understand how important this service is for the clergy and to you personally for your closeness to Christ.

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