

The Initiation Process for Altar Servers (“Servers”)

- STEP 1: REGISTRATION** – Please print and keep this document for your records. Once you have read and agreed to the content of this document remember to fill-out and submit an on-line Adult Serve Registration Form.
- STEP 2: TRAINING** - As an adult server candidate you will be asked to attend a one day training session (e.g., Saturday 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM). The date of this training will be scheduled once the number of adult candidates has been determined.
- STEP 3: INSTALLATION** - Once training has been completed, during a Sunday Mass, we call each adult candidate to come up and stand at the foot of the altar and receive a special blessing. This blessing will serve as your commissioning to be a server at Mass for our parish.
- STEP 5: SCHEDULING** - Once a group of Adult Servers has been commissioned, a serving schedule will be created. While a Server schedule will try to accommodate the Mass times that you prefer, by becoming a Server you are committing yourself to serve when you are needed which, may, or may not, be in harmony with your preferences. A calendar has been uploaded to the parish website. We do **NOT** plan to provide you with a paper calendar or paper schedules.
- STEP 6: BULLETIN** – We will try to post in the bulletin who is serving, but remember, the parish website has the “Master” schedule.
- STEP 7: TRAIN YOUTH ALTAR SERVERS** – Once the Adults Servers have been trained and are serving on the altar, the adult servers will be asked to attend a one day training session with the youth. The youth training will be a subset of what is given to the adults. Serving Teams will be created with one adult server paired with one or two youth servers.
- STEP 7: ON-GOING FORMATION** - A one or two day training course can never be sufficient for those who serve so close to our Lord as a Server. Thus you are asked to make a firm commitment to actively pursue a deeper understanding of the Catholic faith through:

- ✠ Academic Study (e.g., attending adult/child religious education classes; attending diocesan sponsored events, etc.) Going to St. Mary's Cathedral to watch how the adults and youth serve for the Bishop;
- ✠ A Holy Hour of prayer once a month before the Blessed Sacrament;
- ✠ Make a good confession at least once a month.

To become a Server is to make a serious TIME commitment to serve the Lord. Please pray about this invitation before responding. It seems that the Lord is calling you to a deeper service of His Church and His people.

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Thank you and God Bless!