ALTAR SERVER DRESS CODE

ABREVIATIONS

PASTOR = Fr. Eugene Radosevich, Pastor of St. Luke, Eureka, IL
DOL = Dictionary of the Liturgy

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1. **PASTOR:** Arrive at least 15-20 minutes early when it is your turn to serve. Upon entering the church, kneel down and say a prayer to God asking Him to help you to be the best server that you have ever been. Then dress your self for service at God's altar.

2. **PASTOR:** Men and women, boys and girls should vest in a server alb and a cincture in the sacristy or in the designated altar server vesting area.

PASTOR: Sacristy…A sacristy is a room for keeping vestments such as the server albs and other church furnishings, and sacred vessels.

DOL: Alb...A full length white linen garment, usually gathered by a cincture, worn by the principle clergy over the cassock or habit at liturgical functions. Based on the Greco-Roman tunic, it symbolizes the purity consonant with the celebration of Mass and resembles the white robe with which Herod, in derision, ordered Christ to be covered.

3. **PASTOR:** The alb is worn, in part to cover all of the secular clothing, so servers wearing collard shirts should fold down the collar, and long sleeved shirts should be rolled up somewhat before putting on the alb and then securing it with a rope-like belt called a cincture.

DOL: Cincture...A lengthy cord, usually of linen or hemp, tied at the waste to gather and confine the full, long flowing alb.

4. **PASTOR:** Solid color, dark dress socks and shoes should be worn when serving. Absolutely NO "candy cane," florescent green, "safety orange", etc., colored socks, no sneakers, no tennis shoes, no flip flops nor shoes with wooden heals, metal taps, etc., that are prone to make noise when you walk.

5. **PASTOR:** Make sure that your hands are clean and that your hair is combed. Do not look like an unmade bed on the altar! If you are not dressed appropriately for serving or you just got out of the shower and have not had time to dry your hair, then, please do not serve that day.