



GOAL

To assist the presider or other ministers by carrying, transporting or holding: books, containers, incense, and candles, in processions or at the altar or ambo.

MINISTRY DESCRIPTION

Assist in all parts of the mass:

GATHERING RITE

- carry candles or incense in procession
- assist with sprinkling rite
- hold the book during opening prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

- participate in the gospel procession

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

- prepare the table, help receive the gifts, clear altar after communion

CONCLUDING RITE

- hold the book during the final blessing
- lead and carry candles in the procession at the end of mass

Assist for baptism, confirmation and anointing of the sick
(With additional preparation, assist at weddings)

Scheduled in groups of three; arrive at least 15 minutes before mass and stay after mass to extinguish candles and help put things away

Commitment period: one year; renewal with continuing interest.

Parents are required to make a commitment to support their son or daughter in undertaking this ministry.

FORMATION REQUIRED

Two and one-half hour session, offered twice during the year.

Pre-registration is required.

New servers apprentice with experienced servers for the first scheduling period.

BACKGROUND NEEDED

Ten years old or older

A desire to serve; interest and awareness of what goes on in the liturgy

Enthusiasm, spirit of cooperation; ability to remember, think and follow directions