

DIOCESE OF CHARLOTTETOWN

Altar Server Adult

Overview

The Altar Server assists the members of the liturgical assembly by presenting or arranging vessels and other items used in the celebrations. Their reverent and efficient service enable other ministers to attend to their own roles while the liturgical actions unfold with calm, order and respect. Altar servers also model good liturgical participation.

Activities/Responsibilities

- Assists with preparation/care of the sanctuary and sacred vessels before and after Liturgy
- Uses and cares for various items used in the Liturgy (cross, candles, incense, texts)
- Prepares altar or assists in doing so before the presentation of the gifts
- Assists with books and other altar accessories as needed
- Exhibits responsibility by serving when scheduled and taking part in rehearsals

Skills, Experience and Personal Qualities

- Is a fully initiated adult member of the Catholic Church in good standing
- Has the necessary skills to serve the liturgical assembly as outlined above
- Has adequate knowledge of furnishings, vestments, etc.
- Willing to participate in an orientation/training session
- Has learned the liturgical procedures of the community
- Wishes to serve the community and to commit time and talents to this ministry
- Welcomes opportunities to keep growing in understanding and appreciation of Liturgy
- Maintains confidentiality about and within this ministry

Screening Recommendations

This is a **General Risk** position (provided the Altar Servers do not serve with those under 18) needing Completion of a Volunteer Information Form.

This ministry position description generally reflects the Ministry of Altar Server -Adult currently practised at _____ Parish.

Parish Volunteer Screening Committee

Pastor

Date

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