

DIOCESE OF CHARLOTTETOWN Altar Server – Child/Youth

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 sanctuary and sacred vessels before and after the 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 baptized member of the Catholic Church and a participant in Eucharistic Communion
- Has the necessary skills and maturity to serve the liturgical assembly as a server
- Has learned to participate as a member of the liturgical assembly
- Has participated in a training process that includes appropriate knowledge of various items and prepares the server for the liturgical rites of the community
- Desires to serve the community and to commit time and talents to this ministry
- Welcomes opportunities to keep growing in understanding and appreciation of the Liturgical Rites which they help the community to celebrate
- Sufficient maturity to focus on the Liturgy and exercise her/his ministry with proper behaviour and attention. Age is to be determined by the local parish

Screening Recommendations

This is a **General Risk** position, needing completion of a Volunteer Information Form which includes parent and/or guardian consent).

This ministry position description generally reflects the Ministry of Altar Server Child/Youth currently practised at _____ Parish.

Parish Volunteer Screening Committee

Pastor

Date

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