



We are very excited that you are interested in the Altar Serving Ministry at Notre Dame. Being a part of this ministry requires a strong commitment and an understanding of what is expected of you.

The following is a list of expectations that all the altar servers are required to adhere to.

- There will be 3 meetings during the year that altar servers will be required to attend. These meetings will review altar serving procedures along with areas where improvement is needed.
- There is a dress code for the altar servers. They should dress neatly for mass. **NO GYM SHOES** allowed.
- Altar servers are to arrive at least 15 minutes before mass is scheduled to begin.
- The altar servers must follow the actions of reverence that they are taught during training. This has become such a problem that we have received complaints from priests and parishioners about the posture and reverence of some of the altar servers in the sanctuary.
- Everyone is required to be able to serve the daily 7 am masses and the Saturday 8 am mass. If you have a conflict on a certain day, that can be worked out, but to just say you can not make any early morning masses is putting an unfair burden on the other servers. Everyone will be expected to participate in all of the masses.
- Currently our Server un-attendance rate is creating difficulty for our Priests and Deacons! If you can not make a mass that you are scheduled for, it is your responsibility to **find a substitute**. There are over 70 children in the Altar Serving Program so there is no excuse for not finding a substitute.

If you do not meet one of these expectations, a card will be sent home to your parents to make them aware of the problem. If 3 cards are sent home within a three month period, you will not be eligible to participate in the Altar Serving Ministry. If you would like to be reinstated into the program, a meeting would have to be scheduled with you, one or both of your parents and Deacon Frank, Steve Tuttle, or Brian Deiss.

We are planning some outings for the servers this year. We really do want you to enjoy being part of the Notre Dame Altar Serving Ministry, but a certain level of responsibility and participation is expected from all the servers. We hope your involvement with the Altar Serving Ministry is a positive experience for you.

We ask that you sign and return the following page to the Parish Office by October 8, 2009.

Deacon Frank 655-0191

Steve Tuttle 986-8368

Brian Deiss 789-2154

I have read the expectations that the Notre Dame Altar Serving Program has for its Altar Servers and I will accept the responsibility.

_____ (Your signature)

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