



# ARCHDIOCESAN CORPS OF EPISCOPAL SERVERS

## **What is it?**

The Archdiocesan Corps of Episcopal Servers (ACES) provides liturgical service for the Archbishop at events around the Archdiocese while forming young men to be leaders in their parishes, families, and communities.

## **Who is it for?**

Young men aged 15 and older who have significant experience serving in their parishes regularly.

## **What are the benefits?**

Young men will be invited into a diocesan community of likeminded altar servers who will grow together and be formed into liturgical and spiritual leaders within their local communities.

These men will receive formation throughout the year, and they will be encouraged in their practice of the faith as they strive for holiness together.

They will be exposed to the larger diocesan community and have the chance to interact with Archbishop Coakley and other priests on a regular basis.

## **What is the commitment?**

The ACES is committed to assisting the Archbishop at every event he requests altar servers. These events will often happen outside of the Cathedral or regular parish churches. Many happen at the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine, The Catholic Pastoral Center, or in non-church buildings (e.g. Hotel conference centers, etc.)

An individual member of ACES participates as he is able, working with the other young men to achieve the group commitment.

At a minimum, an individual member must serve with Archbishop Coakley at one event per year.

## **What events would the ACES serve?**

Archbishop's calendar looks different every year. However in this past year, Masses and other liturgical celebrations where he would have benefited from the service include:

Rite of Election (BSR Shrine)  
Annual Catholic Women's Conference (Hotel Conference Center)  
Annual Catholic Men's Conference (Hotel Conference Center)  
Archdiocesan Confirmation Mass (BSR Shrine)  
Scouting Mass (CPC)  
Mystagogy Mass (CPC)  
Equestrian Order Mass (Various Parishes)  
Mass with Deacon Candidates (CPC)  
Discipleship Conference (OKC Convention Center)  
Young Adult Mass and Cookout (CPC)  
Eucharistic Procession from Christ the King to St. Eugene  
And more!

## **What is the parents' role?**

Like in any extra-curricular activity, you are there to encourage your son to participate and contribute in the best way possible. If they need transportation, we ask that you assist or coordinate with other parents in transporting them.

Coordination of communicating when your son is available or unavailable. Ideally, the servers would grow in their own responsibility to communicate well in order to work as a team.

As necessary, you might also be asked to volunteer to chaperone events.

## **How will altar Servers be scheduled?**

We will identify key leaders in ACES and establish teams around those leaders. We will schedule by teams. For some events, one team will be sufficient. For other events, two teams will be used.

Note, there will be flexibility and the opportunity for substitutions, and we ask the young men and the parents collaborate in providing for these.

### **What do parents do during events?**

If parents have to drive the young men, they are welcome to stay for the event at which their son is serving and participate in the liturgical celebration. However, they are not required to stay.

### **What will they need to wear in order to serve?**

Wear to the event:

- Black shoes

- Black Socks

- White or Grey Polo or Button-up shirt

Wear at the event:

- Cassock (provided)

- ACES Surplice (provided)

### **What formation opportunities does my son have?**

Liturgical training

- How to Serve the Bishop

- Learning about the Liturgy

Spiritual formation

Human formation

Recreation

Submit an application to Fr. Zak Boazman and Bethany Heid

[zachary.boazman@archokc.org](mailto:zachary.boazman@archokc.org)

[bheid@archokc.org](mailto:bheid@archokc.org)

Submit application fee: \$25

The application fee offsets program expenses

If fee is a hardship, it may be waived.

### **What's Next?**

Discuss with your son if this is something he is interested in and is willing to commit to.

Help him to submit the application with the signature of your pastor.

Mark your calendars for

**ACES Training:** Sunday, November 10, 2024.  
2-5 p.m.

**ACES Commissioning:** Thursday, November 21, 2024. 6:30 p.m.

BOTH at The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

**<https://archokc.org/aces>**

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### **How does my son apply?**

Complete the paper or PDF application

requires the signature of the Pastor