

## **GUIDELINES FOR ALTAR SERVERS**

### *Christ Our Redeemer Catholic Church*

Serving at the altar is both a sacred privilege and a joyful responsibility. This brochure outlines the guidelines for altar servers at Christ Our Redeemer, what we expect, how we serve, and how we grow in this ministry.

### **Becoming an Altar Server**

#### **Those selected should:**

- ❖ Be a baptized member of the Catholic Church.
- ❖ Have a family registered as members of Christ Our Redeemer parish.
- ❖ Have received First Communion and be in at least the 3rd grade.

### **Once Selected**

#### **You will be expected to:**

- ❖ Participate in the initial altar server training and ongoing formation.
- ❖ Wear conservative shoes. *No flip-flops or beach shoes.*
- ❖ Wear a plain shirt or blouse under the Alb (designs or patterns show through).
- ❖ Have clean hands, as you will be touching sacred vessels and receiving Our Lord in your hands.
- ❖ Show reverence in the church; this is how we honor God.
  - *Do not cause distractions by laughing, giggling, talking unnecessarily, or acting bored or fidgeting.*
- ❖ Participate in the worship with the assembly by singing the hymns and following the Mass parts in the missalette.
- ❖ Pay close attention to the priest and deacon so you are ready to respond when called upon.

### **Preparing for Mass**

#### **Altar Servers will:**

- ❖ Arrive 15 minutes before Mass begins:
  - 5:15 PM on Saturday
  - 7:15 AM on Sunday
  - 10:15 AM on Sunday
- ❖ Go immediately to the sacristy and carefully put on your Alb and cross.
  - Make sure the Alb fits properly; it should reach the tops of your shoes.
- ❖ Sign in on the clipboard located in the Brides' Room.