

Cathedral of Saint Thomas More

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Dear Parents,

I am writing to ask you to consider encouraging your son to take an active role in serving the people of St. Thomas More parish. I would like to invite him to become one of the young men who serve as an altar boy of the Cathedral. It is a great honor to be an altar boy and to have the opportunity to serve God in a very special way. To be eligible to join the Altar Server Corps a boy must: (1) be a registered parishioner or student at St. Thomas More; (2) have received his First Holy Communion; and (3) be in at least the 4th grade.

Serving is a big commitment, both for the boy and for his parents. We depend heavily on our Server Corps, and expect each member to be present when scheduled. I realize that it is you who will have to check his monthly schedule and transport your son to his scheduled Masses. Therefore, it is important that both of you understand the responsibility of the task he will be undertaking, and make a commitment to serving at the altar. It's not easy, but it is an outstanding opportunity for your son to develop a deeper understanding of his religion and all the ceremonies, Masses, and sacraments associated with it. It's also an excellent opportunity for him to better discern his calling in life. I can honestly assure you that no matter what, his experience as an Altar Server is something that he, as well as you, will fondly remember for the rest of your lives.

Training for new altar boys will begin as soon as we have a class of boys. There are normally three, 2-hour sessions needed to complete the training. Training this fall will be on the following dates:

Saturday, September 9 from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM

Wednesday, September 13 from 3:15 PM to 5:15 PM

Wednesday, September 20 from 3:15 PM to 5:15 PM

Each class will meet in the priests' Sacristy. Parents are invited and strongly encouraged to attend also. Upon completion of their training, new altar boys will be included on the following month's schedule, serving at the weekday Masses.

If you are interested in having your son serve, please sign the permission slip at the bottom of the page and return it to the school or rectory.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at home, (703) 920-4409 or e-mail me at the address below. I sincerely hope that your son will take advantage of this opportunity and find the joy of serving at God's altar.

Sincerely yours,

Lawrence J. Cerruti
Altar Server Coordinator
<larrycerruti@aol.com>

NAME: _____ GRADE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Attending: STM School _____ Religious Education _____

My son has permission to serve as an altar boy.

Signature of parent/guardian