

# MINISTRY OF ALTAR SERVER ANNUAL APPLICATION FORM

In accordance with Canon Law, it is understood that, under normal circumstances, an installed Acolyte has been regarded from ancient times as one who has received minor orders as a means of formal preparation for ordination to the Holy Priesthood.

Since adaptations stemming from the Second Vatican Council, the ministry of Acolyte or Altar Server is also carried out by lay people as a ministry in the service of a local parish community.

## CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY

- A candidate must be:
- baptized
  - one who has already received their First Communion
  - practicing, that is, attending Sunday Mass regularly
  - receiving Holy Communion regularly
  - practicing works of charity
  - appreciative of the ministry to serve at the altar and within the sacred space of the sanctuary

Altar Servers at St. Margaret Mary Parish, when assigned, must:

- be in the sacristy at least 15 minutes prior to Mass or any other liturgical function
- refrain from unnecessary talk, in the sacristy and church, immediately before and after each Mass
- be properly attired out of respect for their ministry, including dark leather shoes (no running shoes or sandals)

Please PRINT clearly.

Full Legal Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Having read the above *Criteria for Eligibility* and being in agreement with them in their entirety, I hereby request to be installed as an Altar Server at St. Margaret Mary Parish for a period of one year for the following Mass(es):

5:00 p.m.     8:00 a.m.     9:30 a.m.     11:00 a.m.     12:30 p.m.

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Signature

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Date