

May 21, 2007

Dear Parents and Altar Server(s):

With a sincere appreciation, thank you for permitting your child to serve God and His Church especially with Funerals and Weddings for the upcoming summer months.

Now that the nice weather is upon us, we would like for all servers to have a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer.

In order to prevent any accidents, tripping especially when carrying the Cross, the Sacred Vessels or walking the Sanctuary steps, we are asking parents and servers to follow the Dress Code as the role of an Altar Servers is very important.

SERVER'S DRESS CODE

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PROPER FOOT WEAR: Dress Shoes

DO NOT WEAR: Tennis Shoes or Flip Flops

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.
With God's blessings, we do wish you and your family a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer.

Dear Extraordinary Ministers of Communion:

Now that we are sharing the chalice of the Lord's Blood at every Mass, we need to review the Diocesan guidelines for wiping the chalice and using the purificator. The Communion Rite at Mass Diocesan guidelines on page 2 state:

*"Accept the chalice back wiping it well - **inside and out** -- but without display, turning the chalice and using **different areas of the cloth for wiping.**"*

This can best be accomplished by unfolding the purificator upon receipt from the priest and systematically moving the cloth in your hand while the communicant has the chalice so that a different area of the cloth is available for wiping the **inside and outside** of the chalice.

Also Larry Ward, a long time EM has shared with us a prayer for EM's that he has used for some time. Please feel free to use it before serving as an EM if you wish.

Almighty and merciful God, give us the virtue of humility, that as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, we can transmit his love by the distribution of the Eucharist to his people. In our humility, we ask for forgiveness of our sins, so that we may be worthy to carry his body and blood in reverence, love and devotion. We ask that all who receive his body from our hands be strengthened, renewed and nourished, to follow him wherever he leads. We ask this thru your Son, Jesus Christ and the same Holy Spirit who lives and reigns with you forever and ever. Amen.