

## **ALTAR SERVER REGISTRATION FORM**

*Students may apply to become servers from 4th grade onwards.*

I would like to be an altar server at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. I realize this is a commitment and I will do my best to serve when I am scheduled or get a substitute if I am unavailable. I will be punctual, **arriving 15 minutes before Mass.** I understand that if I arrive late, and another server has taken my place, I will not serve that day. I will help the priest by staying attentive to the Mass, bringing him what he needs when he needs it. I will help people to pray by being reverent in my posture and my movements. I will keep the robes closet tidy. I will be the best server I can be. I ask that my parent(s) also commit to bringing me to Mass every week, whether I am scheduled or not, so that we can all grow in Christ.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL (if other than St John the Baptist) \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

MASSES FOR WHICH YOU ARE AVAILABLE AS SERVER:  
(check only one, please)

Saturday 5:00p \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday 10:00a \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday 6:00p \_\_\_\_\_

SERVER'S  
SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S  
SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **Our altar servers comment on their role:**

- Whenever I came to Mass, I thought it was so cool that they got to be up there and light the candles, get involved. I thought, "Wow! I want to do that when I get older."
- I like lighting the candles. I think that's one of the best jobs. It's kind of like I'm giving back to the community for all the stuff it's given me. And, I always thought Mass was boring and that it might make it more fun.
- I like carrying the cross a lot. It's actually heavy and you're carrying the cross, which represents our faith -- something important. Without the altar servers, the Mass would be a lot longer and a lot harder on the priest.
- Because girls are just as holy as boys. I think it's good how they let girls serve.
- It's a possibility that I might want to be a priest. It's something to think about -- a priest is something that you really know you're helping people.
- I want women to be able to be the priest, 'cause like altar servers, women can do the exact same thing as men. My father was an altar boy. He gives me advice like, "Make sure everything is out. Make sure everything is on the table, everything is lit." And then at times he also says, "What if you mess up?" He teases me and I say, "Dad!"
- When I'm up there I feel special in a way, like I am helping the Lord and the Lord is going to protect me when I'm older. I just feel very comfortable.

**If your son or daughter is in 4<sup>th</sup> grade or above, s/he is eligible to become an altar server. Please contact Tony Carlin at 224-8388x122 or [tcmusic\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:tcmusic_2000@yahoo.com) if s/he would like to be a member of this valuable and rewarding ministry.**

*Three Nuns were invited to speak about vocations at a Mass in Dublin. They arrived late and walked into the sanctuary. The priest noticed that they had nowhere to sit so he whispered to the altar server, "Quick, three chairs for the sisters."  
So the boy yelled out, "Hip, hip, hooray!"*