

- ***ALTER SERVER MINISTRY***



The acolyte serves at the Eucharistic celebration, taking care of the various needs before, during and after the celebration, assisting at the ritual prayers and at the Table of the Lord.

Children who love to help mom or dad at home will understand and enjoy the Alter Server Ministry. Girls and boys are specially prepared to serve in this ministry.

The Alter Server Ministry's goal is to allow the younger members of the parish to have an active participation in assisting the parish priest during the mass.

The primary role of the altar server is to assist the priest in the celebration of the liturgy during mass. This is done through specific actions and by setting an example to the congregation by active participation in the liturgy (hymns, responses, etc.), by looking alert and sitting or standing at the appropriate times.

Servers hold the book for the priest celebrant when he is not at the altar, carry the incense and censer, present the bread, wine and water to the priest during the preparation of the gifts or assist him when he receives the gifts, and wash the hands of the priest.

Altar servers should have received first Reconciliation and Holy Communion.