**ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH - OAKLEY**

**ALTAR SERVER SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM**

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| Altar Server Name |  |
| Parent / Guardian Name |  |
| Address |  |
| Telephone Number |  |
| Email Address |  |
| Current School Grade Level |  |
| Birth Date |  |
| Age (must be at least 8 years old) |  |
| First Holy Communion | YES \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

Each candidate must complete the membership form above and undergo a period of training before the actual serving. Applicants will receive appropriate training to get started. During the training, Altar Servers will learn basic information about the Catholic Church and the Holy Mass. They will observe others and learn how to carry out specific tasks while serving at the Altar of Jesus Christ. Each Altar Server must be willing and interested to participate in this ministry on his or her own accord and not by parental or peer pressure. A reluctant or disinterested server is a distraction to the celebrant, other servers, and the entire community. Similarly, parents must undertake an active role in supporting their child in this ministry by ensuring that they are registered in St. Anthony Parish and by taking responsibility that the Altar Server is dressed properly for the Mass, and arrives to his or her assigned Mass on time. In addition, Altar Servers must:

* have a strong desire to serve at the Altar of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,
* be an active member of the parish community,
* believe in the teachings of the Holy Catholic Church,
* have already made their First Confession and their First Holy Communion,
* know the prayers of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass from memory – See training manual,
* know how to perform duties with attention, dignity and reverence,
* know the Real Presence of Jesus the Christ begins at the moment of the consecration and know that Jesus Christ endures as long as the Eucharistic species subsists
* at least 8 years old by November 30 of commissioning year

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| I give permission for my child to participate in the St. Anthony Catholic Church Altar Server program and I am committed to support my child in all aspects of this ministry. | Date |
| (Parent/Guardian signature) |  |

**Altar Server Information Sheet**

Thank you for expressing your desire to be part of the St. Anthony Catholic Church Altar Server Society. On behalf of the Altar Server Committee, we are excited to share with you the beauty of serving Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and our parish community on the Altar. Over the next few weeks, we will be praying for you and your family as you discern your decision to join the Altar Server program. Listed below are the steps you will need to take if you decided to join.

**Step 1: Complete the Altar Server Membership Form and return before \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

* The Altar Server training manual and self-study worksheet will be distributed once application is received.

**Step 2: Complete the Self-Study Worksheet before \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Step 3: Attend 2 Training and Assessment sessions on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

* Candidates must attend sessions held in November of each year.
* Candidates will learn about the Liturgical Objects used in Mass.
* Candidates will learn how the “who, what, when, where, how and whys”.
* Candidates will be fitted for albs, cassocks and surplice.
* Photos will be taken.
* Observe Altar Serving on Sunday Masses at least 2 times between **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Step 4: Attend the Altar Server Commissioning Mass on the Second Sunday of Advent on**

After the above four steps have been completed and all requirements have been met, the candidates will officially join the Altar Server program that includes regular sessions and rehearsals for each year cycle. They are as follows:

1. December session and rehearsal for the Christmas Eve liturgy
2. March session and rehearsal for the Holy Triduum and the Easter Sunday liturgy
3. June session
4. September session
5. November session and rehearsal for the Commissioning of New Altar Servers and Dedication of the Senior Servers

Please do not hesitate to contact the coordinators if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

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May God continue to bless you and your family.

In Jesus and Mary,

**Rev. Ken Sales** **Rev. Alberto Perez**

*Parish Administrator Parochial Vicar*