St. Mary Cathedral

Cathedral School of St. Mary

List of server expectation

# I

1. The Cathedral Server must obtain a clear and careful understanding of the Expectations and Order of Serving Mass
2. The Cathedral Server must incorporate the ministry of serving Mass into your family prayer time so that this service may be authentically directed to the honor of God and His Church.

# II

1. **Decorum and reverence** are to be observed in the sacristy and the sanctuary. This means no loud talking and horseplay.
2. During Mass, please go to the sacristy to retrieve / replace an item only. Playing in the sacristy during Mass is not acceptable.
3. Modesty and simplicity of grooming and dress are a necessity of all servers.

This means:

For Boys:

* + no jewelry, including earrings or studs, bracelets, or rings;
  + a wrist watch may be worn
  + a clean and combed haircut
  + **polished black shoes with black dress socks**
  + **dark (navy blue or black) dress slacks with a belt**
  + **white dress shirt, tucked in**

For Girls:

* + no jewelry, including earrings or studs, bracelets, or rings;
  + a wrist watch may be worn
  + make-up or cosmetics may be used sparingly, no finger nail polish
  + hair will be pulled back by a simple clip, no bows or hair jewelry
  + **polished black shoes, close toed and dress socks (black, opague, or white cream)**
  + **a modest dark (navy blue or black) dress, or dress slacks with a belt**
  + **white blouse , tucked in**

1. **Attendance beginning fifteen (15) minutes before each Mass of serving is of the utmost importance.**  Your schedule contains a list of servers includes telephone numbers to assist in finding a substitute. You may also use email to try to find a replacement.
2. **The server/parent is responsible for finding a replacement.** If you are going on vacation or have changes to your schedule, then please notify the Altar Server Coordinator before the next schedule is sent so that it may be prepared considering your wishes.
3. **Finally,** preparation for serving the Mass is best achieved by prayer with a celebrant. Please be attentive when a celebrant or a deacon prays.