

When our Altar Servers have been completely trained and are ready to begin their service in our Parish Family of St Peter in Chains, there will be a special Holy Mass - usually on Youth Sunday, the Solemnity of Christ the King - that publicly commissions them to serve. In this way, the Parish Community and the server's family and friends may be present.

The will be commissioned through a prayer of blessing and through the vesture of their Server's Alb and Cross, presented by their families. The Altar Server will then be commissioned for service in the Parish of St Peter in Chains.



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**Commission of
Parish Altar Servers
at St Peter in Chains Parish**

After the Gospel and Homily, the Parish Priest will now present the new Altar Servers to the Parish Community.

Priest:

At our Holy Mass today, we have with us some of our young people who wish to serve the People of God here at St Peter in Chains as Altar Servers during the Parish Masses and during the Mass in school. They will remind us of Christ, who is the Head of the Body, the Church. These young people are signs to us of God's loving generosity, which we see and receive through Jesus Christ.

The Altar Server Leader invites the young people to come forward, and calls them by name.

Leader:

As I now call the following Servers by name, I invite each one to stand and come forward.

The Altar Server answers:

I am here!

The Altar Server stands in front of the Sanctuary.

Priest

God has called you, and you have answered. So, we ask you now: Will you commit to serve God through your liturgical ministry as servers at his Holy Altar, to prepare well and be generous with your time and talent?"

Altar Servers

We will!

Priest

I commission you today to be an altar server of St Peter in Chains Parish. Receive with joy the signs of your ministry: The Server's Alb - you put on Christ and are called to be like Him. The Server's Cross - you see in Jesus Christ your hope and salvation.

The parents now bring up the server's and cross and place it on the new altar server, who then stands in front of the Altar, facing the congregation. During this an appropriate hymn can be sung. After this the Altar Servers receive their special Blessing

Priest

God of glory,
your beloved Son has shown us
that true worship comes from
humble and generous hearts.

Bless our young people gathered here before you, who have responded to the needs of our Parish and wish to commit themselves to your service as altar servers.

Grant that their ministry may be fruitful and our worship pleasing in your sight. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Through the intercession of Mary, our Blessed Mother and through the prayers of our Patron, Peter the Apostle, may Almighty God bless you and keep you always - the Father, the Son + and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The new Altar Servers are presented to the Parish Family.



Altar Servers