

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVING AT ST. ANTHONY, MILAN & ST. MARY, NORWALK

Thank you for participating in this important ministry at Mass.

When to Come

Be present 15 minutes before Mass begins. You can vest, light candles in the sanctuary, find out if anything special is happening during the Mass, and be of any other assistance to priest and /or deacon. You can determine your specific role in the Mass with the other two servers.

What to Wear—Vesting for Mass

Each church provides a set of **albs**, white full length garments, in many sizes which hang in a closet just for you. This server's alb is worn over what you are wearing. The **cincture**, or belt, is worn at the waist and color coded to the priest's vestment color. Vestment colors are determined by the liturgical season or the special feast. Colors are white, green, red and purple. Catholic calendars indicate the color of vestments for each day.

Where to Serve

Your place of ministry is in the sanctuary at all times, unless you are in procession (in , out, at the offertory). You will not leave the sanctuary unless you are ill. At the sign of peace, stay in the sanctuary and offer the sign of peace to your fellow servers, the priest and deacon. Do not go into the assembly. Of course, if the priest asks you to get something from the sacristy, go get it.

What to Do

Your main reasons for being a server are first to assist the Presider and second to provide leadership by giving good witness at the altar.