



colyte Orientation and Refreshing Course for rookies and veterans.

Pop Quiz define: stationary bell, cinture, sacristy, sanctuary, narthex, chancel, processional, chancel door, sanctuary door, candlelighter/extinguisher, nave, font, taper, recessional, crucifer, gospel processional, digit warmers, chest decor, acolyte

PREPARATION AND PROCESSIONALS Arrive 12 minutes before service, vest (**cinture check, chest decor, digit warmers**), taper check. Light candles... 1. Enter **sanctuary** door together 2. face altar, bow and light candles from outside to inside (then seasonal candles and Christ candle). 3. Return **candlelighter** and wait in **sacristy... or narthex** if a **processional!**

Processional: Carry cross high, second acolyte follows. Enter **sanctuary** when words to first hymn begins. Wait on top step of **chancel** as acolyte and pastors reverence the cross and go to their seats. Place cross in base and return to pew after facing altar and bowing.



ervice responsibilities and duties.

Be flexible and accomodating to any instructions concerning the service!

Offering: If two acolytes, proceed to altar after bowing when entering the chancel. Lift, fold and place communion linen as soon as offering is announced. When placed, stand on 2nd step, facing altar. When pastors signal, turn around, accept plates and place on altar. Both exit via chancel door.

Communion: Enter chancel with elders to receive communion. Finished, return to pew.

Extinguish candles: After announcements, pastors exit and organ begins to play proceed to retrieve candlelighter, use the stationary bell to extinguish flame. Enter and exit chancel with same routine.

Gospel Processional: At singing of Alleluia Verse or other song, enter chancel, retrieve cross, go half way down center aisle, turn and face altar. Return to chancel when pastor steps aside.

Recessional: "Hide" in sacristy after communion. Return when final hymn begins (same routine) Retrieve cross (no need to bow) lead exit down center aisle. Arrive at font, turn and face cong. until hymn ends.

Baptism: Conducted at the font. Acolytes assist as asked. As baptismal party processes, the crucifer is first, followed by other acolyte. Enter the chancel with baptismal party. Return to pew when baptismal party is dismissed.



o's and Don'ts for Acolytes.

Do: wear appropriate clothing, dark pants, slacks for girls are encouraged to acolyte.

participate in the service. You are an example for the congregation.

stand, sit straight. Don't slouch

perform duty with reverence and precision.

RECRUIT SUBSTITUTE IF UNABLE TO BE AT SERVICE (you have contact info,
electronic and hard copy)

Do Not: wear tacky or faded blue jeans.

Absolutely no shorts or capris.

No flip-flops.

No tennis-shoes please.

No talking with other acolyte during service, unless absolutely necessary.

No playing with robe, cinture, digit warmers or chest decor.

Commitment Contract with Acolytes: As a faithful and committed acolyte I will 1) Attend training sessions and meetings for acolytes. 2) Faithfully participate in worship, Bible Study and Communion to strengthen and maintain my faith. 3) Cheerfully follow instructions for all services I serve in. 4) Be creative and offer suggestions to enhance the participation of acolytes in service. 5) Pray that God will make me a blessing to fellow Christians through my role as an acolyte.

My signature asking God to use me as an instrument of his grace: _____