

## Cross-bearer- Duties

### Opening Prayer

- Remain Standing, prayer hands at chest.
- When you go to sit, sit in unison with other servers.

### Readings

- Follow along in your missal or listen attentively.
- Sing the response to the Responsorial psalm
- Stand, in unison, and sing the “Alleluia”,  
prayer hands at chest.
- Remain standing during the Gospel;  
keep you eyes on the priest or deacon.

### Homily

- Sit, in unison with other servers.
- Listen attentively to the priest or deacon.
- **NO talking, kicking feet, playing with cross.**

### Profession of Faith

- Stand, in unison, prayer hands at chest.
- Recite the Creed. **Make a profound bow when the verse  
“Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin  
Mary..” is recited.**
- Respond to the “General Intercessions”.

### Offertory

- Prepare the Altar, move together with other servers.
- Get the tray of wine cups from the Credence table.
- Remove the towel.
- Take tray to the Altar, and place on the far right side of the Altar, near the chalice.
- Return to bench; sit in unison with other servers.

### **Preparation of the Gifts**

- When the priest stands, stand in unison with the bell ringer.
- Together move down the left side of the Altar.
- Stand of the bottom step.
- Wine-Approach the Altar from the left. Place the wine cruet on the right side of the Altar, next to the Chalice. Remove the stopper and Put in on the Credence shelf.
- Hosts-Approach the Altar from the right. Place the bowl with the hosts in the center of the Corporal.
- Take your place in the middle of the line for the Ritual Cleansing.
- All servers stand at Father's left side.
- Priest or deacon will hand you the water cruet.
- **When incense is being used, leave plenty of room between you and the Altar.**
- Pour water over his fingers.
- Take the water cruet to Credence shelf.
- Return to bench, remain standing with prayer hands at chest.
- Listen for **the key words "Holy, holy, holy"**. Proceed together with prayer hands, to Altar steps.
- Sing "Holy, holy, holy". Then kneel.

### **Our Father and Sign of Peace**

- Stand with outstretched arms, palms facing upward.
- Give other servers sign of peace.
- Place kneeler back on the second step.
- Return to bench, stand on the edge of carpet to receive communion.

### **Lamb of God**

- Bow your head before receiving both the Body and Blood of Christ.
- Once Ministers of HC take their place, return to the bench.
- Sit, in unison with other servers.
- NO talking, kicking feet, playing with cross.

### **After Communion**

- Approach the Altar, in unison, once Father sits.
- Remove everything from the Altar and return to the Credence shelf or table.
- Make sure all items are cleared from the Altar.
- Return to bench and sit, in unison.
- Participate in silent prayer.

### **Concluding Rites**

- Stand, with prayer hands, for closing prayer.
- When priest move to reverence the Altar, retrieve the cross.
- Stand at the base of the steps on the left hand side.
- Bow your head when Father reveres the Altar.
- Lead the group out of the church.