

### **Altar Servers/Acolytes**

The server or acolyte is one who serves the presider and/or deacon; in this, ultimately, he or she serves the whole community. By assuring that the liturgy unfolds with grace and facility, the acolyte or server promotes the dynamic of the rite. The acolyte/server is unobtrusive during ministry, in order that there is no diversion from the central action.

#### **Characteristics of the Spirituality of the Altar Server/Acolyte**

- Servant
- Observant and aware
- Quiet, unobtrusive demeanor
- Other-centered
- Ceremony with grace and ease
- Knowledgeable about ritual and its demands
- Purposeful
- Listener
- Becomes part of the prayer

#### **Training Offered by the Office of Liturgy**

- Spirituality and praxis of the Minister of the Altar