

Petition for Institution as an Acolyte

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

To be completed by the candidate and approved by the pastor.

I understand that the ministry of acolyte is a ministry of service to the faithful in the celebration of the liturgy and in particular assists the priest and deacon especially in the celebration of the Mass.

I have read "Duties of Instituted Acolytes within the Eucharistic Liturgy" and reviewed the following requirements and, after discussing this with my family and my pastor, am willing to commit myself to these requirements in the service of our Lord. I promise that I am:

- fully initiated (baptized, confirmed and admitted to the Eucharistic table of the Lord);
- living an exemplary Christian way of life, with no impediments to sacramental reception, (e.g., if married, one must be in valid union recognized by the Church – contact the Office of Worship with questions)
- willing to give faithful service to God and the Christian people as asked and reasonably able;
- at least 21 years of age;
- willing to serve the community at 2 Masses on Sunday and possibly feast days, large weddings and funerals when needed;
- willing to assist with the training of EMHCs and Altar Servers in the parish (future materials will be provided as available);
- willing to submit to a background check;
- willing to complete Virtus training prior to acolyte formation (www.virtus.org to register);
- willing to request and submit a baptismal certificate with notations issued within the past six months obtained from my baptismal parish (or confirmation and marriage certificates if not noted on baptismal certificate);
- willing to complete 3 to 6 hours of continuing ed a year (e.g., FTCM or Office of Worship training);
- willing to consider making an annual retreat.

Virtus Training & Background Check

Location	Date
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I understand that the duties of the acolyte may be shared with other ministers. I will encourage and guide the service of youth as altar servers and encourage them and others to consider a vocation as a vowed religious, a deacon, or a priest.

Last Name	First Name	Initial	Social Security Number
Street (Mailing) Address		City	Zip
Home Phone		E-Mail	
Name of Parish		City	
Signature		Date	

To be completed by the pastor.

Having reflected upon the ministry of acolyte and the pastoral needs of this parish, I recommend the above man to be instituted as an acolyte. I believe this man will be a good and faithful acolyte and to my knowledge meets the Church's requirements for this liturgical ministry of service.

Signature <i>affix parish seal</i>	Pastor's Name (printed)	Date
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