

Date: January 2, 2017

To: Members of the Altar Server Ministry
St. Basil the Great, Roman Catholic Church
Vallejo, California

From: Bill Ang

Brothers & Sisters;

I would like to greet all a Happy New Year, In December's reflection on the "Birth of Christ" Let us also be born anew by embracing God's Love, Hope & Joy, through our worship, praise and service in this year of 2017.

This late January/February, during the weekdays (after school), I will be training new Altar Servers referred by our Principal Julie Boen. I'm encouraging also adults, perhaps even parents & relatives to join in with whom would be serving. Please let me know, if interested of making an appointment.

There had been some changes during the past year 2016 of how we are to be serving, herein as follows:

- a) We no longer assist with the candles during the elevation of the Gospel & reading. The reason being, there is a stationary candles placed on both side of the ambo.
- b) We are to blow out the candles during the monetary collection & in preparations of the Altar.
- c) We are not to enter in the Altar table area as we join in saying the Lords prayer (Our Father....)
- d) During the entrance procession, any Altar server not carrying anything is to bow before you climb the steps to the sanctuary. If there is 4 of you, all would be in a diamond formation, the 4th server would shadow the cross bearer centered/behind the two candles bearer.
- e) Fr. Ambrose requested not to remove the Roman Missal Book from the table until Father & Eucharistic members leave for communion service. Fr. Lawrence may have it otherwise.
- f) Parishioners are getting confused regarding the ringing of the bells. There is a reason why we are ringing the bells in 3x pause 3x pause 3x. It symbolize the Holy Trinity (Father, Son & Holy Spirit) thus 3 rings, when you do this in a set of 3x, this manifest the coming of the Holy Trinity, You will sing or hear Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, (Gospel Acclamation) or Holy, Holy, Holy, it announces the coming/presence. Lastly, lets give that moment of awe during the veneration of bread & wine through transubstantiation to the Body & Blood. Amen, Amen, & Amen.

Please help me welcome, our new members into our St. Basil Altar Server Ministry Family, as follows:

Jonh-Jonh Dimalanta - Team 18
Jessica Dimalanta - Team 18

We are looking for volunteers to serve as Altar Servers. If you have a friend who is interested, please email me at: billang@yahoo.com

Blessing to you & family,
Your Servant

Bill Ang

Cc: Fr. Ambrose, Fr. Lawrence, Deacon Mike, Sacristans Gus, Glen, Gilda & Casey c/o St. Basil The Great Parish Office

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