

Grace Cathedral Acolyte Expectations

These are few, but they are important for this ministry to run smoothly.

Communications:

It is very important that you reply to Email or Facebook messages, or that a parent does for you. Requests for services (aside from Sunday mornings) will be sent at times and a reply is expected from each acolyte. You may also indicate attendance for most on the *Facebook Event* – but do not leave it at “maybe”. This includes Holy Week services, Diocesan ordinations and convention. Occasionally we have a funeral that needs acolytes. Weddings are regular and an honorarium is paid to one acolyte. Kent will recruit specifically for these liturgies.

If you cannot serve as scheduled – contact another acolyte to arrange a substitute. Then, let your captain or Kent know about the change.

When you are going to serve at a liturgy:

- 1) Arrive 20 minutes before Sunday service
(when needed, earlier arrival times will be noted)
- 2) Plan to stay a few minutes after each service for discussion
- 3) Wear appropriate dress shoes
- 4) Words on clothing that will show through your alb should be avoided

Meetings:

We have only two a year – the Saturdays before Palm Sunday and before Christmas. Everyone needs to attend these rehearsals to prepare for special assignments, schedule service duties, and sharpen acolyte skills. If you are not able to attend one, prior arrangements must be made – in advance.

Note: If you wish to serve as team captain (6 month term) additional responsibilities apply. For this reason, acolytes are normally in their sophomore year when first appointed. Applications may be found at www.gracecathedraltopeka.org or the “Acolytes of Grace Cathedral” Facebook group.

The Acolyte Handbook is available at <http://gracecathedraltopeka.org/uploads/Acolytehandbook.pdf> Please read this material so you are familiar with the areas your acolyte ministry touches.

Thanks for your commitment and dedication. You may call me with any concerns or questions.

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