



## DIOCESE OF ST. PETERSBURG

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To: Altar Server Directors  
From: Fr. Chuck Dornquast, Director of Vocations  
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Re: Youth Altar Server Appreciation Mass

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This year's Youth Altar Server Appreciation Mass will be on **Sunday, March 21, 2021, at 3:00 p.m.** at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle in St. Petersburg. While we realize many parishes have not been having altar servers on a regular basis since last year, we still wanted to recognize those that have been serving over the years and since in person masses have resumed.

Due to Covid restrictions, we will not be having the servers gather and process in and there will not be a reception following mass. Seating will be first come first served, with no reserved seating. We ask that servers sit with their family. Please note, that anyone attending the mass in person will be required to wear a mask and practice social distancing.

Also, please remember to return the **RSVP form (enclosed)** by mail, email (hlv@dosp.org) or fax (727-374-0208) so that we can make adequate plans. **Please get the RSVP form by March 10, as seating will be limited due to social distancing guidelines. Once we reach capacity, we will not be able to take any more RSVP's.** The form is also available on the vocations website at <http://www.dosp.org/vocations/resources-for-parishes/>

The Diocese of St. Petersburg sponsors this annual event to recognize and thank all of our Youth Altar Servers. We know some parishes have not been using altar servers on a regular basis, however, we still would like to take this opportunity to recognize your servers who have served over the years and also this past year, as able. We ask that you submit the names of you servers **electronically** by filling out our **online registration form** which can be found at <http://spvocation.tridiumtech.com>

When submitting your names, please be sure to put the first name followed by the last name, upper and lowercase letters, not all caps, no comma in between. The format that you input the names is how they will be printed out on the certificates.

Please take the time to **complete the online form by Wednesday, March 10, 2021.** (Please note, we will not be able to handle certificate/award requests after this date.) Every Altar Server who has served can receive a certificate of recognition. **The Altar Server Director, or named representative, may pick the certificates in the Cathedral following the Liturgy (or we will mail them upon request to the parish.)**

We ask you to choose only **one** Altar Server from your parish to receive the **Altar Server of the Year** from Bishop Parkes. As always, if your parish has a separate group of Altar Servers for your Hispanic (or other) communities, you may choose an Altar Server of the year from that community as well. This server should be an individual who has given outstanding service to your parish. We appreciate your cooperation.