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To: Altar Server Directors
From: Fr. Carl Melchior, Director of Vocations
Date: February 21, 2017
Re: Youth Altar Server Appreciation Mass and Reception

This year's Youth Altar Server Appreciation Mass will be on **Sunday, March 26, 2017, at 3:00 p.m.** at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle in St. Petersburg. Following the Liturgy, there will be refreshments offered in the Parish Center for the Altar Servers present and their families.

The Diocese of St. Petersburg sponsors this annual event to recognize and thank all of our Youth Altar Servers. 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 lower case letters, not all caps, no comma in between. However 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 15, 2017. (Please note, we will not be able to handle certificate/award requests after March 15, 2017.) Every Altar Server who has served at least one year will receive a certificate of appreciation. ***The Altar Server Director, or named representative, may pick the certificates up in the Parish Center 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 Award** 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 this past year. We appreciate your cooperation.

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 for the Altar Server Appreciation Mass and Reception. The form is also available on the vocations website at <http://www.dosp.org/vocations/resources-for-parishes/>

All servers attending the Mass should meet in the Parish Center to change into their liturgical garments no later than 2:45 p.m. Please be sure that they **bring their Liturgical garments with them** to participate in the main procession. Families, of course, are most welcome to attend and participate in the Mass.