

Instructional Letter for July 2008

Dear Altar Servers,

I hope you're all having a good summer and enjoying this time of vacation. Thought I'd drop you all a note and let you know that I am still thinking of you.

I would like to remind you that at this time of year it can be very hot under those albs if you wear too heavy of clothing to Mass on the day you're scheduled to serve. In addition, if you are not scheduled to serve but plan to check in and be available for serving (should there be an absence on the part of a scheduled server) then also remember to dress lightly.

I would also like to remind everybody at this time to make sure that you are bowing in front of the tabernacle every time you pass between it and the altar and have nothing in your hands. This generally means:

1. When you have placed the candles in the stands by the ambo during the beginning procession and are headed across the sanctuary to go to your seats
2. When you have placed the book and the chalice on the altar and are headed back to your seats during the time of collecting the gifts.
3. When you have placed the bread and wine on the altar and are headed back to the credence table to retrieve the water, bowl, and towel.
4. When you are headed across the sanctuary to retrieve the candles for the closing recessional during the closing hymn.

Remember that at all of these times there are two of you crossing in front of the tabernacle with nothing in your hands so you should wait for each other and bow at the same time.

You are all doing a fine job and I thank you for your attentiveness to this important work for God.

I look forward to seeing some of you on the bus this Friday, July 25th for the Lugnut's game and hope to see many of you with your families at the end of summer swimming picnic for servers and their families at the Rolling Hills Water Park on Sunday August 24th. More details will soon follow about the picnic.

I pray that you to continue enjoying this break especially with your family and friends.

May god bless and keep you always,
Fr. John