

Acolyte Training – Registration Form



Diocese of Baker

Dear Brother Priests,

I am pleased to add my 2014 DVD training session with the Acolytes on the new diocesan norms for the celebration of Mass to Bishop Vasa's 2008 DVD Lector/Acolyte training. From this day forward both of these DVDs and my 2014 "Diocesan Norms for Celebration of Mass" notes are the official instruction materials to be used in training new Acolytes.

These two DVD trainings may also serve as a training vehicle for those who, while not eligible for Institution, serve in the parish as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Sacristans or Liturgical Assistants. In the future the temporary appointment of those who serve in these roles will be conditioned upon their viewing both of these training videos.

February 2015

+Liam Cary

Bishop of Baker

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Bishop, I hereby submit my application for Institution in the Ministry of Acolyte. I testify that I am a faithful member of my Parish, devoted to the Mass and that I desire to serve the Parish as an Acolyte. I recognize that must read and sign the attached *Affirmation of Personal Faith* and that I must complete my study of the entire Video Training prior to being considered for this Ministry.

Safe Environment Requirements: prior to being instituted an acolyte, the following safe environment requirements must be completed and on file with the parish and chancery office:

Background Check Adult Safe Environment Training (D2L) Code of Conduct

(Safe environment forms and training located online: www.dioceseofbaker.org/protection_of_children.htm)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip: _____

Email: _____

Age (Must be at least 21): _____ Marital Status: Married Single Widower

Highest Level of Education: High School 1 2 3 4 College 1 2 3 4 5 6

Primary Language: English Spanish

(The Videos are done in English but some of the support material is available in Spanish)

Apostolates of the Parish in which I am already involved: _____

Signature of Candidate

Date

PASTOR'S RECOMMENDATION:

I recommend this Candidate for Institution in the Ministry of acolyte. I attest that he has successfully completed the entire Acolyte Training Program and is a suitable Candidate for this Ministry.

Signature of Pastor

Date

NOTE: No Candidate is eligible for institution without their Pastor's Recommendation.

VERIFICATION OF COMPLETION OF THE TRAINING VIDEOS

2008 lector and Acolyte Training by Bishop Robert F. Vasa

DISC 1

- Part I** (49 minutes) **Liturgy in General** – *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (paragraphs 1066-1074)
 Date Completed: _____
- Part II** (53 minutes) **Liturgy in General** – *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (p. 1075-1112)
 Date Completed: _____
- Part III** (50 minutes) **Liturgy of the Eucharist** – *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (p. 1075-1112)
 Date Completed: _____

DISC 2

- Part IV** (60 minutes) **Liturgy of the Eucharist** – *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (p. 1066-1074)
 Reverence for the Altar – learning your way around the Altar and Ambo
 Posture, Protocol and Dress – explanation of Reference Material
 Date Completed: _____
- Part V** (50 minutes) **Duty to Enhance the Liturgy**
 – Apostolic letter on Ministries of Lector and Acolyte
 – Practical Suggestions
 Date Completed: _____

DISC 3

- Part VI** (38 minutes) **Practical matters** – review of handouts and documents
 Petition for Institution
 Date Completed: _____
- Part VII** (38 minutes) **Sanctuary Arrangement** – postures during the Lord’s Prayer
 – Genuflections – Use of the Roman Missal (Sacramentary)
 – Ordo – Sacristy Matters
 Date Completed: _____

2014 Acolyte Training by Bishop Liam Cary

DVD (1 hour 51 minutes) **Celebration of Holy Mass: Norms for Priests, Deacons and Acolytes**

<p>1. Bishop’s Introduction. 2. Processions. 3. Basic Principles: “Attention follows motions, and not sound.” “Age quod agis – Do what you’re doing.”</p>	<p>4. Preparing, serving and reverencing the Altar: “One bread, one cup.” “Breaking of the Bread” 5. Sanctuary Logistics. 6. Significance of the Altar. 7. Liturgy of the Word (readings, sound, cantor, alleluia and Gospel procession).</p>	<p>8. Liturgy of the Eucharist (Altar setup, hosts & wine, offertory, servers, ringing of bells, thurible and incensing of the Altar). 9. Teachings (Preside, the bow, water and wine, consuming, purification and tabernacle). 10. A fatherless society.</p>
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Date Completed: _____

AFFIRMATION OF PERSONAL FAITH

"I believe and profess all that the holy Catholic Church teaches, believes and proclaims to be revealed by God." In particular:

I affirm and believe the Church's teaching about the inviolability of human life. In accord with that teaching I affirm that human life is sacred and must be protected and respected from the moment of conception until natural death. I affirm that I reject direct, intentional abortion and I do not recognize the legitimacy of anyone's claim to a moral right to form their own conscience in this matter. I am not pro-choice. I further attest that I am not affiliated with, nor supportive of, any organization which supports, encourages, provides or otherwise endorses abortion or euthanasia. (cf. CCC 2270-2283)

I affirm and believe the Church's teaching about the sinfulness of contraception. I affirm, in accord with the teachings of the Church that "every action which, whether in anticipation of the conjugal act, or in its accomplishment, or in the development of its natural consequences, proposes, whether as an end or as a means, to render procreation impossible" is intrinsically evil. (CCC 2370)

I affirm and believe that every person is called to chastity in accord with their present state of life and that it is only in marriage between man and woman that the intimacy of spouses becomes a sign and pledge of spiritual communion. (CCC 2337-2365) I accept the Church's teaching that any extra-marital sexual relationships are gravely evil and that these include pre-marital relations, masturbation, fornication, the viewing of pornography and homosexual relations.

I affirm and believe the teaching of the Church about the evil of homosexual acts. I accept the formulation in the Catechism which states: "Basing itself on Sacred Scripture, which presents homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared that "homosexual acts are intrinsically disordered." They are contrary to the natural law. They close the sexual act to the gift of life. They do not proceed from a genuine affective and sexual complementarity. Under no circumstances can they be approved." (CCC 2357)

I affirm and believe all that the Church teaches about the Reality and Presence of Christ in the Most Holy Eucharist. Specifically I believe that Jesus is present Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity under each of the forms of bread and wine and that receiving either one is Communion with the whole Christ. I recognize that worship and adoration are appropriate, not only during Mass but also outside of Mass and that the Most Holy Eucharist must always be handled with the utmost care and devotion. (CCC 1373-1381)

I affirm and believe the teachings of the Church regarding Mary, Mother of Christ and Mother of the Church. I accept with the Church that it is fitting and proper to honor the Blessed Virgin with special devotion. (CCC 963-975)

I affirm and believe that it is possible for a person to choose to remain separated from God for all eternity and that "This state of definitive self-exclusion from communion with God and the blessed is called "hell."" (CCC 1033)

I affirm and believe that those who die in God's grace and friendship but are still imperfectly purified undergo additional purification so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joys of heaven. I affirm that the Church's name for this final purification is Purgatory. (CCC 1030-1032)

I affirm and believe in One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church and embrace the teachings about that Church as enunciated in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. (cf. CCC 748-962)

I affirm and believe that the Church teaches with God-given authority and that the promise of Christ to remain with His Church always, until the end of time is a reality. I further acknowledge that those teachings pronounced in a definitive manner, even though not as an infallible definition, are binding on the consciences of the faithful **and are to be adhered to with religious assent. (CCC 892)**

To these and to all the teaching of the Catholic Church I give my assent. I attest that I believe these things and, while I am aware of my own sinfulness and shortcomings, I strive in my beliefs and life style to conform to this Affirmation of Personal of Faith.

Signature of Candidate

Date