

DRESS CODE FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS

The Liturgical ministers of our Catholic faith serve God and His people. The role of the minister is to support the community at Liturgy. It requires commitment and responsibility as role models. Modest and presentable dress should be seen on God's altar by the assembly. Those attending Mass have a right not to be drawn away from the Mass. The ministers' role, in fact, is to assist in drawing people to the Mass by being well prepared for their roles and to be properly dressed. Therefore, ministers have an obligation of helping others to focus on the Mass and not onto themselves because of their dress or their actions.

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church #1387: "Bodily demeanor (gestures, clothing, and attitudes) ought to convey the respect, solemnity, and joy of this moment when Christ becomes our guest".

In other words, dress in a manner which ultimately glorifies God. In general, ministers should keep the following dress code in mind:

For all Ministers:

No sweatpants or yoga pants

Jeans may be worn but may not have holes in them or have rips in the material

No shorts

No flip-flops

Men:

No t-shirts (collared shirts only)

No sleeveless shirts

No flip-flops

Women:

No spaghetti-strap tops or tank tops or tube tops

No style of dress or top that exposes bare shoulders or bare back

No shoes or sandals that do not have a strap around the heel

Altar Servers:

No flip-flops

No boots

No Birkenstocks or sandals that do not have a strap around the heel

We hope that this Dress Code will assist our St. Francis community in fostering a deeper respect and reverence at Mass.

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