## All Saints Catholic Church Altar Server Application Form

Altar Server Applicant Name:	
Parent / Guardian Name(s):	
Address:	
Phone:	
Email:	
Current School /Grade Level?	
Birth Date:	
Age (must be at least 7 by Nov 30th):	
FirstHolyCommunion? Yes / No:	

Any parish child who has completed their First Holy Communion and are of good faith are welcome and encouraged to become an Altar Server here at All Saints. After completing an application, candidates undergo a period of training <u>before</u> becoming a commissioned server. Candidates will receive appropriate training to get started and then will shadow (observe) at a minimum of six (6) masses of their choosing while completing self-study of the manual at home. During the training servers will learn basic information about the Catholic Church and the Mass. Candidates will observe experienced servers and learn how to carry out specific tasks while serving at the Altar.

An altar server must be willing and interested to participate in this ministry on their own accord and not by parental or peer pressure. A reluctant or disinterested server is a distraction to the celebrant, other servers, and the congregation. Similarly, parents must be willing to undertake an active role in supporting their child in this ministry by ensuring that their altar server arrives to their assigned Mass on time and he/she completes requirements for commissioning and promotions. In addition, Altar Server candidates must:

- have a strong desire to serve at the Altar of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,
- be an active member of the parish community,
- believe in the teachings of The Holy Catholic Church,
- have already made their First Confession and their First Holy Communion,
- know how to make the sign of the Cross,
- know how to receive Holy Communion in the approved manner,
- be at least 7 years old by November 30 of the current year.

I authorize my child to participate in the All Saints Catholic Church Altar Server program and I am willing to support my child in all aspects of this ministry.	Date
(Parent/Guardian signature)	

