

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Servers,

May the peace and grace of our Lord Jesus be with you and your families!

The service that you will be providing our Lord and the community of St. Leo the Great cannot be underestimated. As your Pastor, I wanted to first thank you and assure you of not only my prayers but of the all the priests here at St. Leo's. I also wanted to provide you with the best training we can give you.

Jesus during His life provided us the supreme example of love and service. The greatest act of love and service He gave us was at the Last Supper which culminated in the offering of Himself on the Cross for the redemption of souls. Your service is not unlike His.

Besides the priests and deacons, you are the closest to our Lord at Mass. What a privilege! You get to see close-up the miracle of transubstantiation when the bread and wine change into the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus, which we may perceive through the eyes of faith. During the Liturgy, you assist the Celebrant offer the sacrifice of Jesus to the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit for all who are present. Your quiet and attentive service provides an example to the parish of reverent worship.

I would encourage you to develop a relationship with Our Lady, your Guardian Angel, and Sts. John Berchmans and Tarcisius. Our Lady is the greatest example of humble loving worship. If you entrust yourself to her, she will help you become the saints God the Father designed you to be. Your Guardian Angel is constantly assisting you and before the Lord offering Him praise and worship. Ask him to teach you how to love God during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Sts. John Berchmans and Tarcisius are the Patron of Altar Servers. Ask them to intercede for you so that your service will be holy and acceptable worship before the Lord.

This manual has been provided to assist you to learn how to serve better. You do not need to memorize it, but it does show you all the steps in serving. My prayers go with you and I look forward to your service in the future. God Bless!

In Jesus through Mary,

Fr. Puigbo