

Altar Server Flow for Funerals

Procession

- ❖ Once the casket is brought into the Cathedral, the procession will start. The procession starts in the sanctuary (altar) rather than at the back of the cathedral.
- ❖ Altar Servers with cross and candles will go from the sacristy to the top of the stairs and face the Altar.
- ❖ The Priest and Deacon will go in front of the Servers and genuflect.
- ❖ The Altar Servers, Priest and Deacon will turn and receive the casket at the back of the Cathedral. GO SLOWLY
- ❖ When approaching the casket, the Cross and one candle will split and go to one side. The second candle will go to the other side.
- ❖ The Priest will bless the casket and the pall will be put on the casket.
- ❖ The Altar Servers will face the Altar and when the singing starts, proceed to the Altar SLOWLY
- ❖ Go up the stairs to the sanctuary and move to the left (just like a regular Mass)
- ❖ Once the Priest and Deacon go up to reverence (kiss) the Altar, the servers should put the cross and candles away
- ❖ One of the servers should go right over to the Priest to hold the book. (The book will be at the priests' chair.)

Liturgy of the Word

This is just like a normal Mass (First reading, Psalm, Second Reading, Gospel, Homily)

- ❖ At the start of the homily, one server should go into the sacristy and light the charcoal for the incense.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

This is just like a normal Mass, but you do need to pay attention since there are fewer servers and there may not be an older server / team captain.

- ❖ Bring up to the Altar:
 - The red Sacramentary and stand
 - The main Chalice with the Altar Cloths (C corporal) on top of it
 - Wait until the Priest or Deacon puts down the Altar Cloth before bringing up the rest
 - Communion Cup(s)
 - Ciborium(s)
 - Purificators

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- ❖ When the Priest and Deacon go to the stairs, one server should follow to receive the wine.
- ❖ Take the tops off the wine and water and leave them on the credence table
- ❖ Bring the water and wine up to the Deacon with handles facing the Deacon.
- ❖ Bring up the lavabo and cloth for the priest to wash his hands.
- ❖ For Communion line up in front of the Altar like a normal Mass
- ❖ After Communion, assist the Priest or Deacon clearing the Altar (including bringing up the water to purify) and putting things back on the credence table.

Concluding Rite

- ❖ The Priest will stand and say “Let us pray” One server will bring over the red Sacramentary and hold the book for the Priest.
- ❖ The other servers should go into the sacristy to get the cross and candles.
 - If there is no Deacon present, the servers will get the cross and incensor and incense boat but no candles.
- ❖ If there is a eulogy, wait until the eulogy is over before getting the cross and candles.
- ❖ Go down the stairs past the casket about 4 pews and face the Altar.
- ❖ After the priest incenses the casket, and prayers, the Priest and Deacon will come in front of the servers.
- ❖ When the priest turns around and faces you, the servers turn and process out. **SLOWLY**
- ❖ At the back of the Cathedral, stay together as a group near the door on the right.