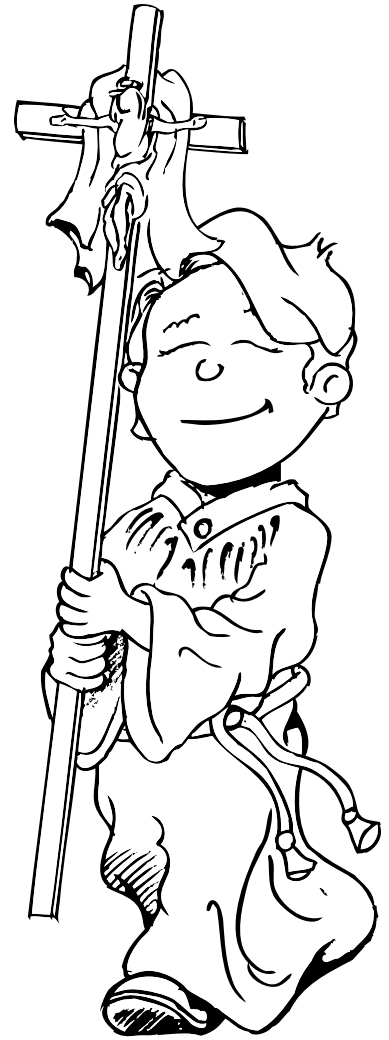


*Saint Francis of  
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***Altar Server Ministry***

***Guidelines and Instructions for  
Celebration of a Wedding***

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# General format At the celebration of the wedding

## I. INTRODUCTORY RITES

### A. THE ORDER OF THE PROCESSION

† (S#1)  
(S#2)  
Presider

Groom & Parents

Groomsmen & Bridesmaid

Ring bearer  
Flower Girl

Best Man & Maid of Honor

Bride & Her Father

### B. AT THE ALTAR IN THE ASSEMBLY LEVEL



(S#2) Presider (S#1)†

*All make a proper reverence with a profound bow (waist bow) except (S#1) is not making a bow. After making a proper reverence, (S#1) place the cross in its stand. Presider approaches the Altar and kiss the altar then approaches to the chair of the presider.*

### C. GREETING & OPENING PRAYER

*(S#1) picks up the liturgical book from the small table near the Presider's chair and stands on the left side of the presider, holding the liturgical book in front of the chest. (S#1) goes in front of the presider when he invites the assembly with "let us pray". After the opening prayer, (S#2) places the liturgical book on the small table.*

## II. LITURGY OF THE WORD

*During the liturgy of the Word (First Reading, Psalm, Second Reading) altar servers need to be one with the assembly through listening and singing according to the ritual.*

*After the homily, when the Presider invites the wedding party to celebrate the ritual of the wedding, (S#1) bring the liturgical book to the Presider and assist him in celebrating the sacrament. The other altar server (S#2) brings the holy water container and stand by the Presider. When everything is done, takes the liturgical book back to the small table and be ready to hold the liturgical book for the Presider for the Prayers of the Faithful.*

## III. LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

#### A. PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR

*a. (S#2) brings out the chalice with corporal, pall and purificator and places on the altar on the right side of the altar facing the assembly.*

*b. (S#1) brings the sacramentary to the altar and place the sacramentary's holder on the altar then place the sacramentary on the holder. The location of sacramentary's holder should be on the left side of the altar facing the assembly.*

*c. (S#2) gets the cruet of water and be ready when the gifts and presider are back at the altar. Then approaches near the altar on the right side of the altar to assist the Presider pour water into the wine. Then wait for the presider to pour the wine into the cup and take both cruets back.*

*d. (S#1) goes with the Presider to receive the gifts from the wedding couple. Bread and wine will go to the altar. Then all prepare the water and towel for the presider to wash his hands. After all done, all altar servers go back to your seating.*

#### B. DURING EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

(S#2) prepares to ring the bell according to the regular Sunday mass. Need to look at the Presider's movement.

#### C. COMMUNION RITE

After praying the Our Father and giving a sign of peace, (S#2) takes the sacramentary and place the sacramentary's holder back to its place. Then bring the sacramentary and the liturgical book back to the small table near the Presider's chair.

All servers receive communion as usual, be seated and sing the communion hymn with the community. Be attentive when extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion clear the altar. They may need your assistance to bring the ciborium back.

(S#1) approaches near the small table next to the Presider's chair and pick up the sacramentary and standing ready for closing prayer while the Presider is seating.

### IV. CONCLUDING RITES

#### A. CLOSING PRAYER

(S#1) goes in front of the presider when he invites the people with "let us pray" holding for the presider to conclude the liturgy with the closing prayer.

#### B. BLESSING & DISMISSAL

When the presider is done, place the sacramentary down to the small table.

(S#1) takes the cross out of the stand and be ready to form in front of the altar with the other servers when the Presider approaches the altar for leaving. Line up in front of the altar and be ready to give reverence to the altar before leaving.