

All ministry volunteers are required to complete the Safe Environment Training (VIRTUS) every FIVE years per Archdiocese of Santa Fe policy. This comprehensive training that assists in creating a safe environment for children and vulnerable adults may be accessed on the Archdiocese website at [www.archdiosf.org](http://www.archdiosf.org) or through [www.smdlp.org](http://www.smdlp.org). Volunteers may also attend the training in person. Call the Archdiocese Safe Environment Office at (505) 831-8144 for training locations and dates.

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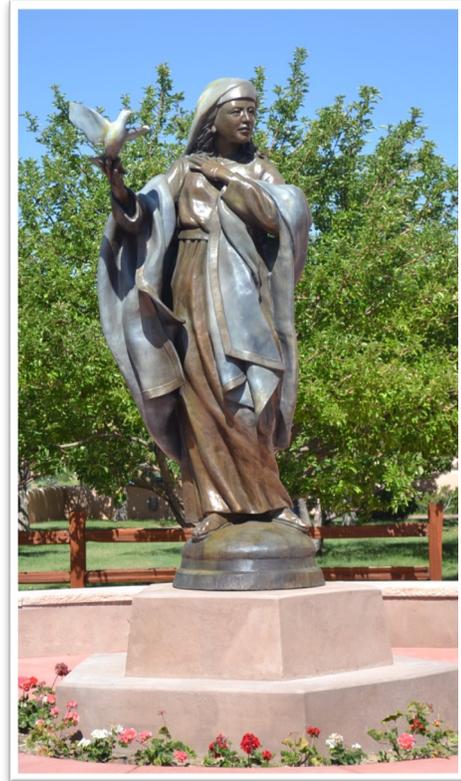


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**ALTAR SERVERS  
& CROSS BEARERS**



### **ALTAR SERVERS & CROSS BEARERS** enhance



the quality of liturgical celebrations by serving the priest at Mass and other liturgies. This is a great way for both adults and young people to learn more about the Mass and to take an active role in the Church community.

Altar Servers assist the priest and deacon in the celebration of the Mass so the liturgy can be conducted with grace and reverence. They assist by carrying the lighted candles at the beginning and end of Mass, setting the altar for the consecration of the Eucharist, and a variety of other tasks during the service.

Cross Bearers lead the entrance and exit procession of Mass, carrying the cross. They also assist in setting the altar for the consecration of the Eucharist, carry the incense and also perform a variety of other tasks during the service.

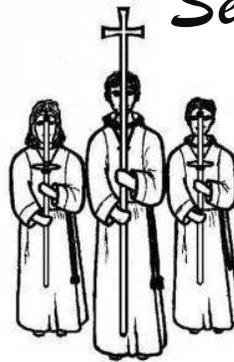
### **ALTAR SERVER REQUIREMENTS**

Adults and young people can join the ministry as long as they have made their First Holy Communion. Generally, children begin serving at the age of 10.

### **CROSS BEARER REQUIREMENTS**

This ministry is open to adults and young people who are able to lift and carry approximately 40 pounds of weight in order to carry the cross. The average age of a new Cross Bearer is approximately 12 years old.

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Serve*



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