

**CHRIST THE REDEEMER CATHOLIC CHURCH  
STERLING, VIRGINIA**

**ALTAR SERVERS' GUIDELINES FOR  
PROCESSION WITH CROSS AND CANDLES**

**WITH THREE SERVERS**

- 1. The Cross and two candles are found in the baptismal area of the Church. Three servers are required: one takes the Cross and the two others carry the lit processional candles.**
- 2. The Procession begins at the top of the aisle. At the signal of the celebrant the Crossbearer leads the way. The candles are carried on either side of the Cross with the two servers slightly behind the Crossbearer.**
- 3. Proceed slowly and reverently. The Cross is raised for the veneration of the people. The candles should be carried above the head of the server.**
- 4. On arrival at the sanctuary the three servers stop at the bottom of the steps. They bow their heads slightly in reverence to the altar. The three then move to the right side and arrive at the stands which will receive the Cross and the two candles. Servers place them in the holders and take your usual place. The candles remain lit.**

**WITH ONE SERVER TO CARRY THE CROSS**

- 1. The Server takes the Cross from its stand in the baptismal area of the Church.**
- 2. When no other server or only one other server is available, no candles are carried.**
- 3. If there is another server, the server walks behind the Crossbearer.**
- 4. On arrival at the steps of the sanctuary only the Crossbearer steps forward and bows his/her head slightly. Then the Crossbearer moves to the right and places the Cross in its stand.**
- 5. After the Cross has moved the additional server moves, if there is one. The second server moves to his/her usual seat.**

**AT THE END OF MASS**

- 1. After the blessing and dismissal by the priest, the Crossbearer with the two candle bearers gather the Cross and candles, which are lit.**
- 2. The three servers (if there are three) move to the center aisle and face the altar.**
- 3. When the priest bows, the servers bow their heads to the altar.**
- 4. Moving down the aisle the Cross and candles lead the procession. At the baptismal area turn and wait for the celebrant, who will bow to the Cross.**
- 5. After the priest has bowed to the Cross, place the Cross and candles in their holders.**