

Greetings Beloved of Christ,

To be a Christian Steward is a way of life through my entire life. It is my way, though small, of returning gratitude to God for His infinite love and mercy. This doesn't mean it is easy and convenient. It is a joy in spirit, but the body has other ideas. For example, when it is cold and wet outside, I feel that I would rather stay home. When it is warm and dry or when football or baseball is on TV, I would rather watch them. Then the Holy Spirit speaks to me and reminds me of God's love especially in the Blessed Sacrament which is the purpose of my speaking to you about the Ministry of Altar Serving.

When I was a child back in the 50's and 60's, a lay woman was not allowed to be in the sacristy or sanctuary. In fact, when I was in 6th grade, I had a note from the Choir Director to give to the Pastor but I had to wait outside to give the note to a young man to give to the Pastor. Boy, have times changed. "Thank God".

I now have the privilege and honor to be able to be an Altar Server and even able to train future Altar Servers along with Father Terry. Leading the entrance procession by holding the Cross up high, is one of the functions of serving. I feel the awesome mystery about to begin. When you see me up front, my bowing is for adoration of Christ and the folding of my hands is for reverence of the Holy Trinity. The mass is the worshipping of heaven and earth of the Most Holy Trinity of Christ as victim and priest.

I need your help in serving God and neighbor as an Altar Server. Age doesn't matter. Join me in this privilege of serving. Don't be afraid to try. I was afraid my first time too.

In giving of the Treasure entrusted to me by God, I never miss what I have given to Him. God always allows me to have enough of what I need. God has never failed me yet, even after 50 years of giving.