

Prospective or presently serving lay ministers who plan to attend these sessions are requested to register with the Liturgy Office:

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FORMATION & TRAINING PROGRAM FOR  
LAY MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR

2007

**REGISTRATION FORM**

**Please PRINT all information in BLOCK LETTERS.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
          first name                      surname

Postal Address  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone  
\_\_\_\_\_

Email  
\_\_\_\_\_

*I am an adult presently serving as a candidate in the following ministry/ministries (please tick)*

\_\_\_ altar server    \_\_\_ acolyte    \_\_\_ extraordinary minister

*I was instituted an acolyte on* \_\_\_\_\_

*by* \_\_\_\_\_

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# Acolytes, Altar Servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

*The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve.* Mark 10:45

In addition to the ordained clergy, there are many laypeople who assist at the altar in our churches as Acolytes, adult Altar Servers, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC).

**Fr Timothy Deeter**, Liturgy Office Director, will be joined by **Mr Michael McKenna**, Acolyte at St Mary's Cathedral, in presenting a program of formation and training for both new and presently-serving ministers.

All prospective Acolytes, EMHCs and Altar Servers **must** attend these first three sessions:

- Session 1 – **Lay Ministry: History, Theology & Spirituality**
- Session 2 – **Eucharist & the Mass: Toward a Deeper Appreciation**
- Session 3 – **Service at the Altar: Doing It, and Doing It Well**

All prospective Acolytes and EMHCs **must** also attend this fourth session:

- Session 4 – **The Ministry of Holy Communion: Practical Pointers**

All prospective Acolytes **must** also attend this fifth sessions:

- Session 5 – **Companions on the Journey: The Ministry of Acolytes**

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This program will be conducted at three different venues, on different days and at different times, for everyone's convenience. It does not matter where or when participants attend the sessions, as long as all the sessions required for their respective ministry are attended. **Attendance will be recorded.**

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**Adult altar servers** who complete their first three sessions will be eligible to be commissioned by their respective parishes by their parish priests.

A certificate of mandate as an **extraordinary minister of Holy Communion** will be given by Cardinal Pell to those completing the first four sessions. They will then be eligible for annual renewal of their commission in their parishes by their parish priests.

Prospective **acolytes** who have completed all five sessions will be instituted into their ministry by the Archbishop of Sydney, George Cardinal Pell, at St. Mary's Cathedral at 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 2007.

**NOTE:** All **presently-serving** acolytes, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion and adult altar servers are asked to make every effort to attend these sessions as part of their continuing education in these ministries. There will be an update on the various ministries from The General Instruction of the Roman Missal -- 2003 edition.

The temporary mandate of EMHCs will be extended upon completion of the course.

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## COURSE VENUES, DATES & TIMES

Location: **The Catholic Centre  
3 Keating St, Lidcombe**

Session 1	Thursday 30 August	7.30 pm to 9.30 pm
Session 2	Thursday 6 September	7.30 pm to 9.30 pm
Session 3	Thursday 13 September	7.30 pm to 9.30 pm
Session 4	Thursday 20 September	7.30 pm to 9.30 pm
Session 5	Thursday 27 September	7.30 pm to 9.30 pm

Location: **Sacred Heart Parish Hall  
23 Cardinal St, Mosman**

Session 1	Saturday 1 September	10:00 am to 12 noon
Session 2	Saturday 8 September	10:00 am to 12 noon
Session 3	Saturday 15 September	10:00 am to 12 noon
Session 4	Saturday 22 September	10:00 am to 12 noon
Session 5	Saturday 29 September	10:00 am to 12 noon

Location: **Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Hall  
50 Kiara Rd, Miranda**

Session 1	Saturday 1 September	2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Session 2	Saturday 8 September	2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Session 3	Saturday 15 September	2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Session 4	Saturday 22 September	2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Session 5	Saturday 29 September	2:00 pm to 4:00 pm