

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 _____

I was commissioned an EMHC on _____

in the Parish of _____

Presented by the:



LITURGY OFFICE
Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney

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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).

The Director of the Archdiocesan Liturgy Office, Father Timothy Deeter, is presenting a program of formation and training for these ministers. Sessions include the following presentations:

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**

—these three sessions are required of all adult laypeople who assist at the altar.

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

—this additional session is required of all who seek institution as acolytes, those who may have occasion to function as EMHC's, and of any adult altar servers who may also on occasion function as EMHC's.

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

—this additional session is required of all who seek institution in the Ministry of the acolythate.

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Attendance will be recorded.

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All prospective ministers of the altar (acolytes, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion and altar servers) **must** attend the first three sessions.

All prospective extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion **must** also attend the fourth session.

All prospective acolytes **must** also attend the fourth and fifth sessions.

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, 30th September 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: **Our Lady of the Sacred Heart
193 Avoca Street, Randwick**

Session 1	Wednesday 22 August	7.30 pm to 9.30 pm
Session 2	Wednesday 29 August	7.30 pm to 9.30 pm
Session 3	Wednesday 5 September	7.30 pm to 9.30 pm
Session 4	Wednesday 12 September	7.30 pm to 9.30 pm
Session 5	Wednesday 26 September	7.30 pm to 9.30 pm

We are also holding courses at Lidcombe, Mosman and Miranda. Please check our website, www.liturgy.sydney.catholic.org.au for course details or call us at the Liturgy Office.

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

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email: assistant@liturgy.sydney.catholic.org.au

fax: 9390 5825

or tear off next page and post it NO LATER THAN MONDAY 20 August 2007 to:

Liturgy Office / Level 12, 133 Liverpool St / Sydney 2000