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Memo

To: All Pastors
From: Fr. Chuck Dornquast, Director of Vocations
Date: February 24, 2020
Re: Youth Altar Server Appreciation Mass and Reception

This year's Youth Altar Server Appreciation Mass will be on **Sunday, March 29, 2020, at 3:00 p.m.** at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle. Following the Liturgy, there will be refreshments offered in the Parish Center for the Altar Servers present and their families.

The Diocese of St. Petersburg sponsors this annual event to recognize and thank all of our Altar Servers. *A separate memo has been sent to your parish Altar Server Director with information as to how to submit the names of your servers for an appreciation certificate as well as the submittal of the name of your Altar Server of the Year. **This will be done online so we ask that this be completed by Monday, March 16, 2020.** (Please note, we will not be able to handle certificate/award requests after March 16.)* Every Altar Server who has served at least one year will receive a certificate of appreciation. The Altar Server Director, or named representative, may pick the certificates up in the Parish Center following the Liturgy (or we will mail them upon request to the parish.)

We ask you choose **one and only one** Altar Server from your parish to receive the ***Altar Server of the Year Award*** from Bishop Parkes. If your parish has an English group and a Spanish group of Altar Servers, you may pick one from each group as the Altar Server of the Year. This server should be an individual who has given outstanding service to your parish this past year. We appreciate your cooperation.

All servers attending the Mass should meet in the Cathedral's Parish Center to change into their liturgical garments no later than 2:45 p.m. Please be sure that they ***bring their Liturgical garments*** with them to participate in the main procession. Families, of course, are most welcome to attend and participate in the Mass.