

CROSS BEARER

1. Arrive 15 minutes early and let the greeters know you are present.
2. Approach altar, stop and bow. Retrieve the Processional Cross from the Platform and go to the back of the Church via the side aisle.
3. **Lead the entrance procession up the center isle when the congregation starts singing the entrance hymn. Proceed up the steps and insert the Processional Cross into the stand.** Then return to the first step with the rest of the procession and bow in unison with them. Return to your seat.
4. **During the offertory song and offertory collection, come forward, retrieve the cross and go to the back of the Church and lead the offertory procession forward.** At the first step make a head bow and Proceed to insert the Processional Cross into its stand. If there is time for you to return to gather with the Gift Bears and Ushers you should bow to the Altar as they do, if not return to your seat.
5. **At the end of Mass, when Father and the Deacon move to kiss the Altar, come forward, retrieve the Processional Cross and lead the recessional procession to the back of the Church.**
6. Return the Processional Cross to its stand after the people exit the Church area.

NOTE:

If you are unable to fulfill your ministry as Cross Bearer at the appointed Mass time, please find a replacement. Do not expect the greeters or Deacon to find a replacement for you.

Thank you for your service!