A Manual For Acolytes: The Duties Of The Server At Liturgical Celebrations

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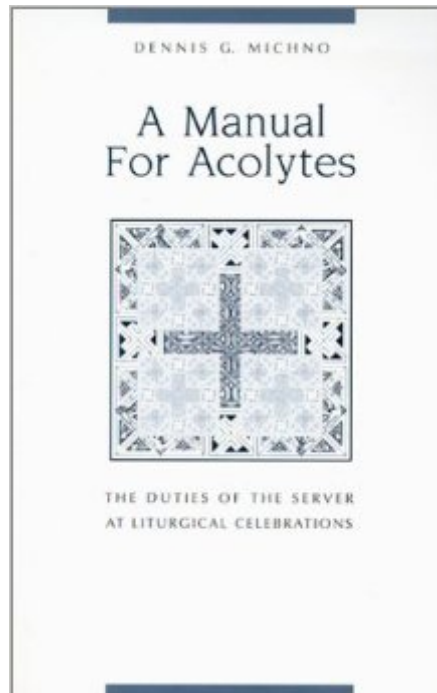
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Synopsis

A valuable handbook for the server at all liturgical celebrations. Complete with illustrations, this volume covers in careful detail all the responsibilities and duties of the acolyte.

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When I was the acolyte master and senior sacristan for my old parish, I developed a manual for teaching the service participants their roles in the liturgy. I wished for a more complete manual to give them, so that they could learn more about standard practices and all the possible service parts (our parish had a streamlined liturgy most of the time); Michno's 'Manual for Acolytes' fulfills that desire. It is a good, useful guide for illustrating the different parts of the standard services, as well as some of the not-so-standard ones.Michno begins by giving some simple prayers and movements that acolytes of any age can easily memorise and enact in their practices. It also teaches the basics of vestments (how to dress for success in the liturgy) and the various things necessary for service preparation. A lot of things are for information purposes, rather than practice -- most acolytes will not actually set the altar or table in a service, but knowing the parts of the chalice set-up can be helpful.Michno has brief sections for each of the major service positions -- acolyte, crucifer, thurifer; other server functions such as altar position and processional/recessional set-ups are explained, including line-art drawings and Book of Common Prayer sections relevant to the parts. In addition to the basic eucharistic service, Michno gives brief outlines for Morning and Evening Prayer, weddings,

funerals, baptisms, and major processional services.This book does not take the place of actual, in-person training. Particularly with positions such as thurifer, hands-on training with an experienced person is a must (any time you are going to be twirling burning coals over the heads of dozens of people, training is a good thing).

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