



# SENIOR ACOLYTE TEST

FOR USE IN CHAPTERS OF THE ARCHCONFRATERNITY OF ST. STEPHEN

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1 point per question • 90% or better required to pass • 20 points possible/actual: \_\_\_\_

## GUILD QUESTIONS

- Complete this quote from the Preface of the Handbook: "To serve at the altar... is next to the priesthood..."
  - "...the greatest privilege a layman can exercise."
  - "...a wonderful thing to do."
  - "...the closest thing to being in Heaven."
- What is the motto of the Archconfraternity of St. Stephen?
  - In omnibus glorificetur Deus.
  - Ad majorem Dei gloriam.
  - Cui servire regnare est.

## GENERAL PRINCIPLES

- When with another server, turn (**circle the answer**):
  - Outward.
  - Right.
  - Inward.
- What is kissed first when giving the *solita oscula* or customary kisses (**circle the answer**):  
Giving an item: **Celebrant's hand** | **Biretta** Receiving an item: **Celebrant's hand** | **Biretta**
- The acolytes should walk together:
  - In single file.
  - Shoulder to shoulder.
  - One step behind the other.
- While processing, if there is a lack of room for the crossbearer and acolytes to pass through abreast (flanking each other), based on the rule of precedence, who goes first (**circle the answer**)? **Crossbearer** | **Acolytes**

## SERVING LOW MASS

- When lighting the candles for Low Mass which side is:  
Lighted first? **Epistle** | **Gospel** Extinguished first? **Epistle** | **Gospel**
- Which side of the altar does the acolyte kneel at when serving Mass alone?
  - On the same side of the missal.
  - In the center of the foot.
  - On the opposite side of the missal.
- The bell should be rung:
  - Hard and loud.
  - Jerkily, mangling the rings together.
  - Clearly and lightly.
- When serving alone, during the Elevations does the server raise chasuble while ringing the bell: **Yes** | **No**

11. During the Offertory of a Requiem Mass, what is done differently when presenting the cruets?
- A bow is not made to the celebrant.
  - The cruets are not kissed.
  - The cruets are presented at the center of the altar.

### ACOLYTES AT HIGH MASS


12. How are the processional candles carried?

Outside hand: **Under the node | Under the foot**    Inside hand: **Under the node | Under the foot**

Wax-catcher (rim): **At eye level | At chest level**    Straight: **Against the body | Away from the body**

Centered with: **Outside shoulder | Middle of the body**

13. Indicate the order of lighting and extinguishing the altar candles at High Mass:

Write the number (1 through 6) above the candle that is lit/extinguished first.							
<b>Lighting</b>							
	Candle	Candle	Candle		Candle	Candle	Candle
<b>Extinguishing</b>				Altar Cross			

14. Circle what kind of reverence the acolytes make to the altar while carrying their candles:
- When by themselves: **Bow | Genuflection | No reverence at all**
  - With the crossbearer (carrying an image of Christ): **Bow | Genuflection | No reverence at all**
15. During Mass, where are the processional candles placed when not being carried?
- On the floor near the acolytes' seats.
  - At either side of the altar.
  - On the back corners of the credence.

### THURIFER

16. When carrying the thurible, what is the thurifer's position during the processional and recessional?
- Behind the acolytes.
  - At the head.
  - Next to the master of ceremonies.
17. When the thurifer is not exercising his office, the thurible is held in which hand? **Right | Left**
18. **True or False:** when holding the thurible at rest during Mass, the thurifer should keep the cover open.
19. When incensing how high is the thurible raised to make these kinds of swings?
- Single swing: **From the chest | From the face**
  - Double swing: **From the chest | From the face**
20. Circle the number of sets of swings given to each during their incensation:
- Blessed Sacrament (at Elevations): **3 singles | 3 doubles | 3 triples**
  - Master of Ceremonies: **1 single | 1 double | 2 doubles**
  - Acolytes (as a pair): **1 single each | 1 double each | 2 singles each**
  - 3 or more servers (as a group): **1 double | 3 singles fanned | 3 doubles fanned**
  - Congregation: **1 double | 3 singles fanned | 3 doubles fanned**