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# Saint Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Church

## MODESTY IN DRESS FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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*“In effect, we all speak by the clothes we wear. Dress is a language, as it is a very form of external expression. It should never be forgotten that the actual clothing of the liturgy is a clothing of sanctity. We are to put on that holiness, realizing the fullness of participation.”*

-Pope Benedict XVI

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**All liturgical ministers are asked to recognize the importance of the liturgy and the significance of their role within the celebration, and thus *avoid the following* whenever possible:**

- Tank tops, t-shirts, shorts
- Skin-tight clothing
- Low-cut necklines
- Denim
- Short skirts
- Sweatshirts and sweatpants
- Sleeveless dresses and blouses (without a cover-up)
- Flip-flops and running shoes
- Logos which may be of a divisive or suggestive nature
- Any clothing which would distract from participation in the liturgy

**Parents are asked to help their children understand the importance of modesty in dress, especially when exercising a liturgical ministry.**

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*Adore the Lord in holy attire.* (1 Chronicles 16:29)

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