



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

Those who serve in the various roles at Mass assist in setting the tone and the high regard with which the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass should be held. It is important, therefore, that liturgical ministers dress in a fitting manner.

For Lectors, Cantors, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, the dress code is as follows:

- Modest attire is expected.
- Men - a sport coat and tie or suit and tie, preferable.
- Women - a skirt/dress (No higher than the knee), or slacks are also acceptable.
- It would be much appreciated if all ministers could come to Mass dressed as if you were ready to substitute.

Respecting the solemnity of the Mass and the significance of your very public role in the liturgy, please do not wear the following:

- Tank tops, t-shirts, shorts
- Tight clothing
- Jeans
- Short skirts
- Sweatshirts and sweatpants
- Low-cut necklines
- Sleeveless dresses and blouses (without a cover-up)
- Flips flops or running shoes
- Bold or distracting logos
- Any clothing that would be a distraction for others

**Servers have a specific dress code that is detailed in the servers' guidelines section.*

While daily Masses do not normally have the same level of ceremony as Sunday Masses, they remain nonetheless the Holy Sacrifice of our Lord. Attire may be more relaxed, but should still reflect the dignity of the ministry being performed.