

SAMPLE PETITION FOR INSTITUTION IN THE MINISTRY OF ACOLYTE

1. The petition must be handwritten on plain white bond standard size paper, 8-1/2 x 11. Try to get everything on one side of the paper. However, if it is necessary to go beyond that, turn the page over and write on the back to complete the petition.
2. Address the petition to your Bishop, Archbishop or Ordinary.
3. Date the letter at the top.
4. Print and sign your full name below.
5. Turn in your petition to the Rector's Office no later than _____.
Please do not fold the petition. The Rector will forward your petition, together with his recommendation, to your (Arch)Bishop or Ordinary. A copy of your petition will be placed in your seminary file.

Date:

Most Reverend or Cardinal _____
Bishop or Archbishop of _____
(Fill in the address of the Chancery Office)

Dear Bishop or Archbishop or Cardinal (last name):

In accordance with the *Motu proprio* of Pope Paul VI of August 15, 1972, I hereby submit my petition to be instituted in the Ministry of Acolyte.

I understand the functions to which I am appointed as an Acolyte according to the norms of the Church. I acknowledge my duty to dedicate myself to the devout celebration of the sacred liturgy, particularly of the Holy Eucharist, and to give good example and leadership regarding the official prayer of the Church. I recognize that my participation in the liturgy must direct me to a sincere love of the Mystical Body of Christ, especially the weak and the sick.

In presenting this petition, I solemnly declare that I am not motivated by fear, either physical or moral, that I am not coerced by parent, relative, or any other person, and that I make the request to be instituted as an Acolyte of my own free will.

I respectfully ask for your blessing.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Sign your full name)
(Print your full name)