

*St. Mark's  
Roman Catholic  
Church*

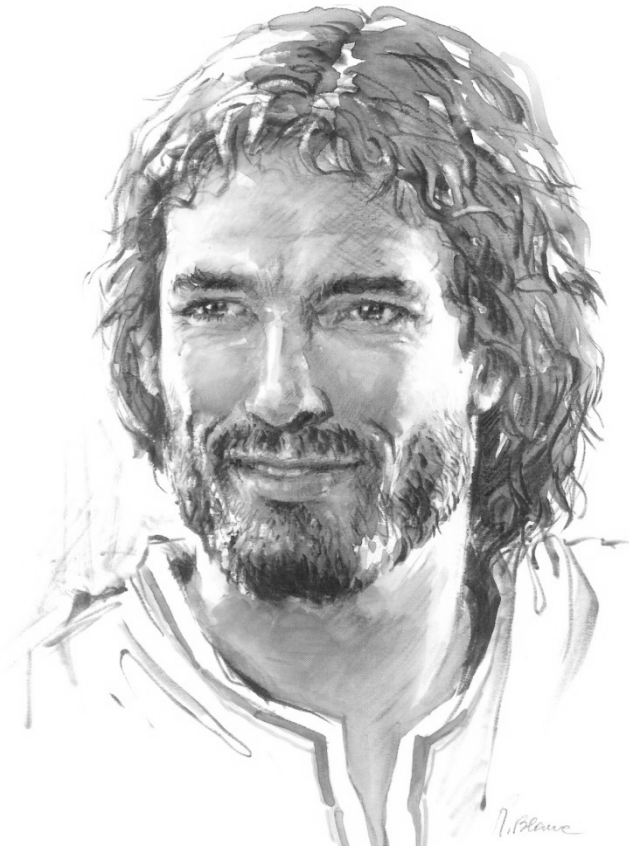
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## **St. Tarcisius**

### **Feast Day:**

Roman Rite Calendar - 08/15

**Patron Of:** Altar Servers

**Memorial:** 15 August

### **Profile:**

Third to fourth century layman or deacon (sources vary). While taking Communion to prisoners, Tarcisius was attacked by a pagan mob, and died defending the Host. Martyr. It is said that when the pagans searched him after beating him to death, there was no trace of the Sacrament.

### **Patronage:**

Altar Servers

First communicants

# **Altar Server's Prayer**

*Open my mouth, O Lord, to bless  
your Holy Name.*

*Cleanse my heart from all evil and  
distracting thoughts.*

*Enlighten my understanding and  
in flame my will that I may serve  
more worthily at your holy altar.*

*O Mary, Mother of Christ the High  
Priest, obtain for me the most  
important grace of knowing my  
vocation in life.*

*Amen.*



## **Jesus, Our Real Friend**

<sup>12</sup>"This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.

<sup>13</sup>"Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.

<sup>14</sup>"You are My friends if you do what I command you.

<sup>15</sup>"No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you.

<sup>16</sup>"You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you.

<sup>17</sup>"This I command you, that you love one another.

Jn. 15, 12-17

*You are an altar server...  
you have been called by Jesus*

# Expectation from You

1. All servers are expected to be at the Church 10 minutes before Mass begins.
2. All servers are to sign in when they serve (then check with the Deacon or Priest to see what needs to be done to prepare for Mass)
3. All servers are expected to fulfill their assigned times to serve.
4. All servers are expected to find their own replacement for Mass if they cannot make it for whatever reason (a list of servers will be provided).
5. All servers are expected to wear "Sunday clothes" at the weekend Masses, even when not scheduled to serve.
6. All servers are expected to hang up their vestments after Mass.
7. All servers are expected to pay attention to the Priest and Deacon during Mass.
8. All servers are expected to know and say the appropriate responses throughout the Mass.
9. All servers are expected to be available for wedding masses when asked.

# **Requirements for Altar Servers**

- A strong desire to serve at the Altar of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
- Be an active member of the parish community and believe in the teachings of the Holy Catholic Church.
- Have already made their First Holy Communion.
- Know how to properly genuflect.
- Know how to make the sign of the Cross.
- Know how to receive Holy Communion in the approved manner.
- Know the Real Presence of Jesus the Christ begins at the moment of the consecration and endures as long as the Eucharistic species subsists.

## **Responsibilities of Altar Servers**

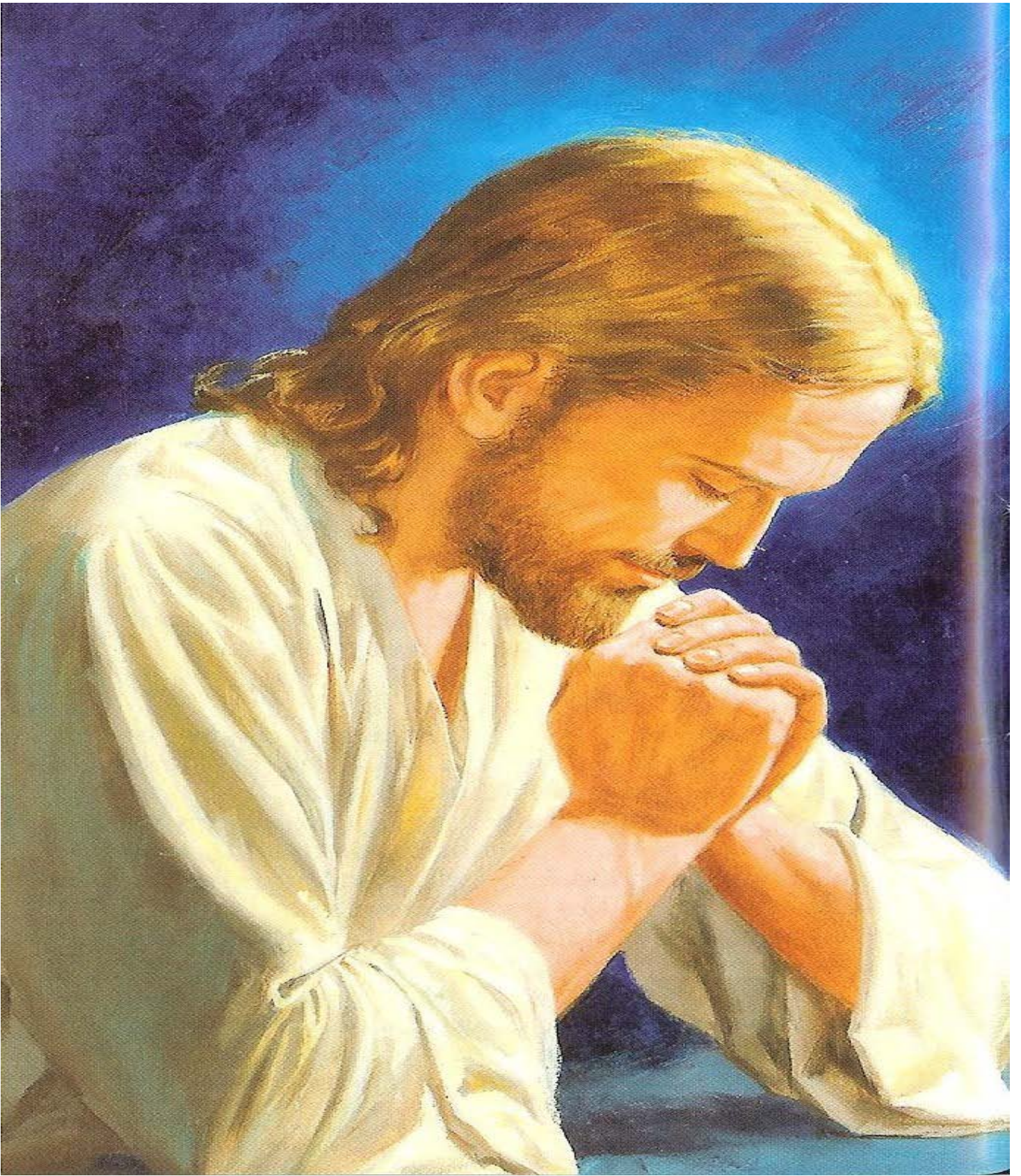
The Altar Server must comply with all the following rules to continue to serve at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

- Attend Holy Mass on every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation when physically possible.
- Cultivate a personal prayer life within the Church.
- Altar Servers are not to leave the sanctuary after the start of the Mass for any reason except bathroom emergencies, illness, or when directed to do so by the deacon or priest. If you think that there is another good reason, ask the

priest or deacon before leaving the sanctuary. Thirst is never a good reason.

- Attend all Altar Server prayer and scheduling meeting as announced. Failure to attend without sufficient reason will result in being removed from the Altar Server list.
- Serve at every Mass they are scheduled for. When you fail to serve at a Mass without sufficient cause you are denying the whole parish of one member of the team. See Altar Server Coordinators on how to arrange for a substitute when you know in advance of a scheduling conflict.
- Arrive at the Mass to be served at least ten minutes before the starting time to prepare for the Celebration of the Most Holy Eucharist.
- Perform the duties assigned during the Mass in the prescribed orderly manner.
- Maintain a prayerful posture during at all times in the Sacristy.
- Call the coordinator whenever you server cannot make a scheduled prayer meeting.
- Make your own arrangements for another Altar Server to take your place when you will miss a Mass you are scheduled to serve. Do not call the rectory if you cannot make the Mass, you must find your own substitute. This requirement is not in effect in the case of sudden illness or family emergencies but is to be adhered to for sporting events, family scheduled events, and school events.

**“Follow me” ... Lk. 5, 10**



Here I am Lord...to do your will.  
Heb. 10, 7

# **General Prayers**

## **Our Father**

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

## **Hail Mary**

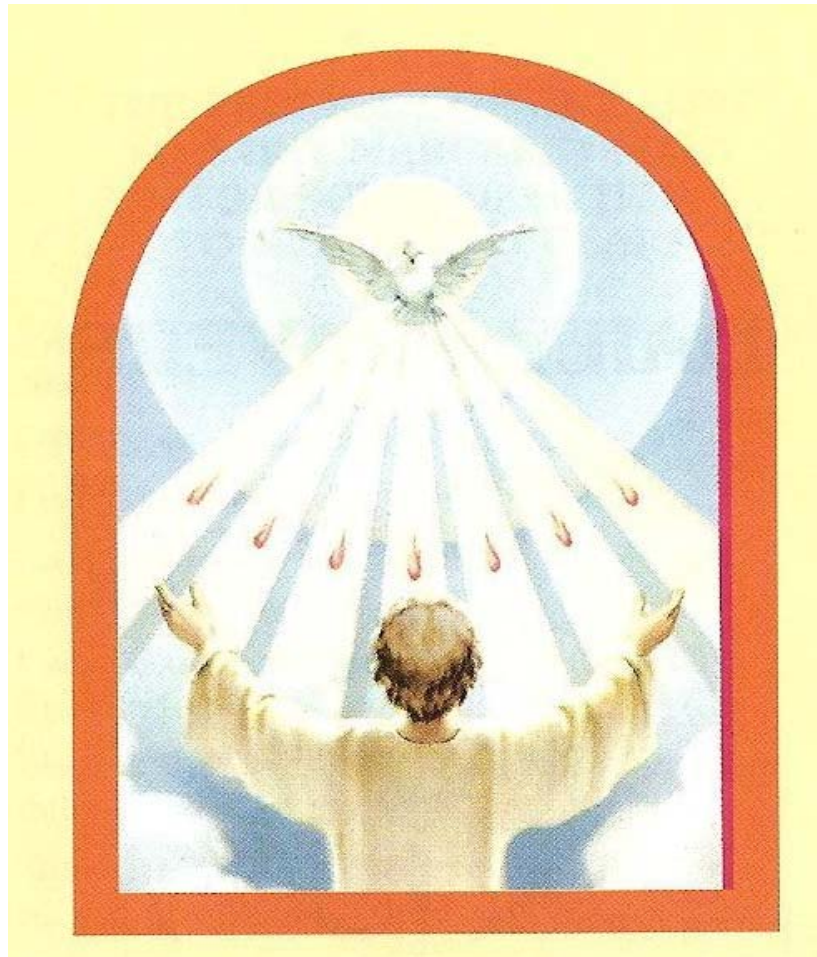
Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

## **Glory Be**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## **The Apostle's Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell. The third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.



## **Come Holy Spirit**

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and  
kindle in them the fire of your love.

*V.* Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created.

*R.* And You shall renew the face of the earth.

*Let us pray.*

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did  
instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the  
same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever  
enjoy His consolations. Through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

# MORNING PRAYERS

## Daily Offering.

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer You all my prayers, works joys and sufferings this day, together with Your Divine Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world and in Particular for the intentions of our Holy Father. Amen.

## Act of Faith

My God, I believe in You and all that You have taught, Because You have said it, and Your word is true.

## Act of Hope

I hope in Your promise of eternal life and I ask for Your Mercy and strength this day.

## Act of Charity

O my God, I love You with my whole heart and above all things, because You are infinitely good and perfect; and I love my neighbor as myself for love of You. Grant that I may love You more and more in this life, and in the next for all eternity.

## Other Prayers

Merciful Jesus, I consecrate myself today and always to Your Most Sacred Heart. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus I implore, that I may ever love You more and more. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, I trust in You! Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us! Sacred Heart of Jesus, I believe in Your love for me. Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like Your heart.

## MID-DAY PRAYERS

### The Angelus

The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary;  
And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary...

Behold the handmaid of the Lord;  
Be it done to me according to Your word.

Hail Mary...

And the word was made flesh: and dwelt among us.

Hail Mary...

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech You, O Lord, Your grace into our hearts that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Your Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His passion and cross be brought to the glory of His resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord, Amen.

### Regina Caeli

(During the Easter Season, from Easter to Pentecost, this prayer replaces the Angelus)

Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia;

For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.

Has risen as he said, alleluia;

Pray for us to God, alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia;

For the Lord is truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray.

O God, who by the Resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, granted joy to the whole world: grant, we beg you, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, his Mother, we may lay hold of the joys of eternal life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

# NIGHT PRAYERS

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

O my God, I thank You for all the benefits which I have received from You this day. Give me light to see what sins I have committed, and grant me grace to be truly sorry for them.

## Act of Contrition

O my God, because You are so good, I am very sorry that I have sinned against You. With the help of Your grace I will try not to sin again.

## Magnificat

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children for ever.



## **PRAYER OF SELF-DEDICATION**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
take all my freedom,  
my memory, my understanding, and my will.  
All that I have and cherish  
You have given me.  
I surrender it all to be guided by Your will.  
Your grace and Your love  
are wealth enough for me.  
Give me these, Lord Jesus,  
and I ask for nothing more.

# PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

## Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, make me holy  
Body of Christ, save me  
Blood of Christ, inebriate me  
Water from Christ's side, wash me  
Passion of Christ, make me strong  
O good Jesus, hear me  
Hide me within Your wounds  
Let me never be separated from You  
Deliver me from my wicked enemy  
Call me at the hour of my death  
And tell me to come to You  
That with Your saints I may praise You  
Forever. Amen

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord God, I thank You through the Sacred Heart of Jesus, who is pleased to offer You on our behalf continuous thanksgiving in the Eucharist.

Thank You for all Your benefits, general as well as special: for creation, redemption, the sacraments; and especially for the Holy Eucharist, and for all the graces You have given me.

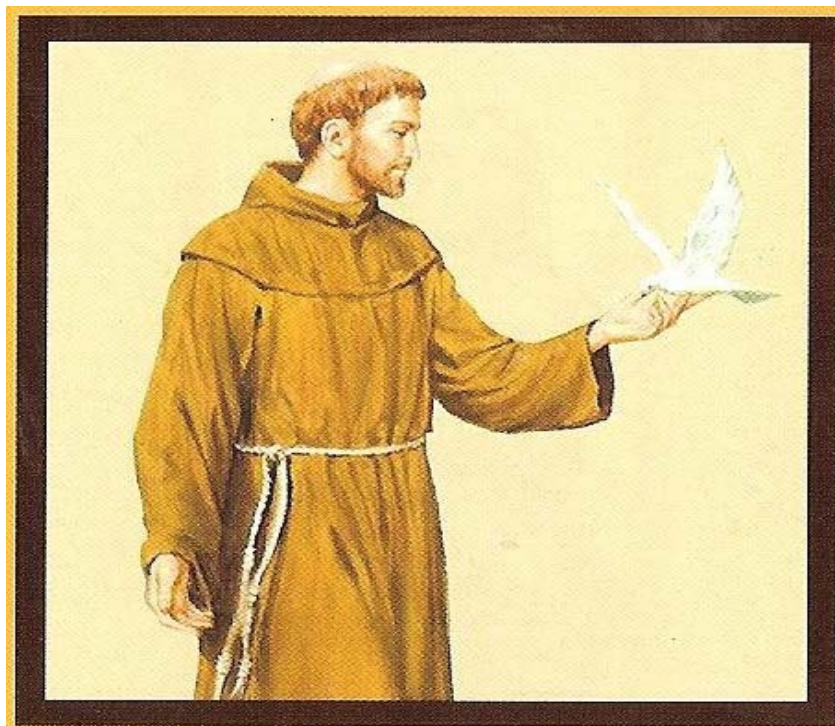
I wish to thank You, Lord, on behalf of myself and of all creatures, and to make amends to You, as far as I am able, for the ingratitude of many, of which You complain so vehemently. I wish that I were able to direct the hearts and minds of all to You and, together with them and for them, love You perfectly in return just as You rightly expect. Amen.



el amor es  
luz del alma.

# **Altar servers bring Jesus closer to the people**

**VATICAN CITY (CNS)** – Pope Benedict XVI thanked tens of thousands of young altar servers Aug. 4 for their important service to the Church. More than 53,000 female and male altar servers, mostly from the pope’s native Germany, but also from 16 other European countries, were taking part in a two-day pilgrimage to Rome organized by the European-base association “Coetus Intenatinalis Ministrantium,” which was celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Pope Benedict, who was flown to the Vatican by helicopter from the papal summer residence in Castel Gandolfo, urged the altar servers to “jealously safeguard” their friendship with Jesus. “Tell your peers about the gift of the friendship with joy, with enthusiasm and without fear,” he said. He told them they were very fortunate to be able to take part in the mystery of the Eucharist.



## Peace Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy;

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much  
seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

## **Hold sacred**

Your faith....as a Catholic

Your family....no matter what

Your good name....is the most beautiful

Your given word...

Your moral code....

Your positive attitude...

Your love of learning...

Your self-improvement

Your willingness to serve and share...

