



Twenty-Ninth Annual National Acolyte Festival

October 11, 2008

Welcome to the Twenty-ninth Annual National Acolyte Festival at Washington National Cathedral, which will be held on Saturday, October 11, 2008. The *Festival Service of Holy Eucharist with Rededication of Acolytes* will occur at 10 am, followed by optional lunch and a variety of workshops and tours.

On behalf of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington and Washington National Cathedral, we encourage your registration for this year's festival. Please bring processional crosses, banners, torches, thuribles, flags, and other liturgical items for the festive procession of acolytes. If your congregation has a liturgical dance troupe, they are also invited to take part in this procession. Plan to stay for lunch on the grounds before enjoying the afternoon's workshops.

Festival information, registration forms and online registration can be found at our website, www.nationalcathedral.org. An information-only phone line is available at (202) 537-3122 for those who do not have internet access. While we cannot return phone calls, we are happy to respond to e-mail messages sent to acolytefestival@cathedral.org.

Please check our website for details regarding our parking garage. If you are traveling by bus, you must register your bus by completing the bus registration section of this registration form and faxing it to (202) 537-2930. Bus registration is needed *in addition to* festival registration.

We look forward to welcoming your parish and diocese, your acolytes and leaders, and your family and friends for this exciting day at our great Cathedral.

Faithfully yours,

The Very Reverend Samuel T. Lloyd III
Dean, Washington National Cathedral

The Right Reverend John Bryson Chane
Bishop of Washington



Schedule

8-10 AM

Check in, pick up registration packet, vest, and take a seat after Cathedral doors open

9:30 AM-5 PM

Cathedral Store open

10 AM

Festival Service of Holy Eucharist with Rededication of Acolytes begins with the great procession of acolytes, clergy, and vergers

12:15-1:30 PM

Lunch on Cathedral grounds

1:30-2:30 PM

Workshops and tours

4 PM

Evening Prayer (optional)



Acolyte Medals

Commemorative acolyte medals are available to all participants. Please indicate quantities needed on the registration form.

Workshops and Tours

workshops subject to change



Holy Smoke: The Work of the Thurifer

A hands-on workshop led by Cathedral acolytes and vergers which showcases the special ministry of the thurifer. Includes review of equipment, technique, and the history of the use of incense in worship.



Dressing Up and Marching Around

Discover the sacred mysteries behind all sorts of church gear. Learn crazy names for crazy stuff; you might even learn to spell *aspergillum*.



Gargoyles of the Cathedral

Learn about Cathedral gargoyles with a slide show in Perry Auditorium, followed by a self-guided tour of the grounds where you can spot the fantastic creatures that inhabit this Cathedral.



Jubilation Streamers

Let your colors fly! Learn how to use jubilation streamers and watch them soar through the Cathedral's lofty spaces. Washington National Cathedral's acolyte master will guide the way.



The Work of the Verger

Learn everything you ever wanted to know about the work of vergers. Cathedral vergers explain their secrets, just for you.



A Brief History of Everything Interesting to Know about Acolytes

A workshop about the origin of acolytes in the church, their ancient ministry and how it has changed over time, vessels and other items used in worship, and the role of the server.

Registration



- Make checks payable to **Washington National Cathedral** (one check per group); indicate *National Acolyte Festival* on the memo line.
- Deadline for receipt of registration with payment is **Friday, September 26**.
- Registrations received after deadline are accommodated on a space-available basis.
- Full refunds are provided for cancellations received **before October 1**.
- Participants canceling **after October 2** forfeit their registration fees.

Mailing address: National Acolyte Festival
 Washington National Cathedral Box Office
 PO Box 822764
 Philadelphia, PA 19182-2764

Or, register online at www.nationalcathedral.org.

Information line: (202) 537-3122 • E-mail: acolytefestival@cathedral.org • Fax registration: (202) 537-2930

name of parish, church, or institution		denomination
address		
city	state	zipcode
contact person		telephone
e-mail		

How many years has your group attended the National Acolyte Festival (including this year)? _____

How many clergy and vergers are processing (no fee required)? _____

How many friends and family members are attending the service but not registering (for seating)? _____

Registration Fees:

Acolyte registration with medal and lunch*	_____ × \$28	= \$_____
Acolyte registration with medal (no lunch)	_____ × \$20	= \$_____
Acolyte registration with lunch* (no medal)	_____ × \$23	= \$_____
Acolyte registration only (no lunch or medal)	_____ × \$15	= \$_____
Extra lunches*	_____ × \$9	= \$_____
Extra Acolyte Festival medals	_____ × \$8	= \$_____
	Total enclosed	= \$_____

*Lunch: how many of each lunch do you need (*includes sandwich, chips, fruit, cookie, and drink*)?

___ turkey ___ cheese ___ peanut butter and jelly

How is your group arriving** at the Cathedral on the morning of October 11, 2008?

bus** (reservation required—use form below) van car

**Anything larger than a minivan must make a bus reservation.

Bus Registration

organization	contact name	contact phone
number of buses	planned arrival time	planned departure time

Fax bus registration form to (202) 537-2930 (festival registration is separate).