Liturgy

Activity Name: **Hospitality Minister**
Staff Contact: **Scott Eakins, Director of Liturgy and Communications**

Description of this opportunity:
These important ministers welcome parishioners and guests to the Cathedral at Sunday, Holy Day and special Masses. With a smile, a word of greeting and an order of worship, you set a tone of welcome and hospitality for everyone who enters our Cathedral. Ministers assist with the basket collection and after liturgy tidying. On occasion, you will be asked to perform an usher's function, escorting those attending to a vacant seat and keeping track of available seats in the Church. Ministers also deal with emergency situations that rarely happen during Mass (contacting Cathedral staff present or calling for emergency aid). All Ministers of Hospitality will receive personal training and will shadow other experienced ministers to assure confidence in their responsibilities.

Commitment of time
Ministers are asked to arrive for their scheduled Mass at least 20 minutes early and to stay approximately 15 minutes after the completion of the Mass. You will be assigned to a specific area of the Cathedral. Hospitality Ministers are generally assigned to two Sunday Masses per month. You should be available at a minimum of one weekend day each month. You will be scheduled only at the Masses you have indicated are convenient for you but you will be asked to find a replacement from the pool of Hospitality Ministers if you cannot keep your commitment for a particular Mass.

Best Qualities for Hospitality Ministers
Ministers of Hospitality are most likely friendly, open and welcoming. This Ministry is appropriate for any age and family groups or youth are encouraged to volunteer. Very young ministers will be paired with adults. You should be willing to approach strangers with a smile and word of welcome and think creatively in emergencies. Since Hospitality Ministers transport and store the basket collections, you will be trained in the procedures that must be followed in this area. Only adults (over 18) can do these specific tasks.

Ministers of Hospitality gather together three times each year: for ministry specific training, a day of reflection and a friendly social activity.

Need for volunteers:
Currently, the Cathedral has a pool of approximately 40 people available for this Ministry To make sure that Ministers are only assigned to their preferred Masses we are looking for approximately 20 more individuals or families to complete our Hospitality Ministry.

Volunteer coordination by: Scott Eakins, Director of Liturgy and Communications,
Roger Truckey, Sacristan and Ray Fister

Location:
Location is always the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. The building is accessible to the handicapped and is located on or near several bus lines.