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Blessing to all Acolytes and faithful of our Diocese:

Dearly beloved in Lord,

It has been Our wish for AMOSS to begin its journey in our Diocese. The first diocesan conference for the AMOSS (Acolyte Association) is scheduled to be held on 27 May 2017 at St Marys IOC Bristol. We would like to congratulate and pray to Lord for the success of the conference. We are pleased to see that a hand book is being published for Altar Servants. A lot of hard work has been put into this task and may God Almighty bless those who have spent their resources for this noble cause. This being the first attempt of publishing the hand book and it would be revised by considering the valuable comments in due course.

St Thomas said “*the celebration of the Holy Qurbana is as valuable as the death of Jesus Christ on the cross*”. The primary duty of an Acolyte is to assist the celebrant, as a representative of the faithful of the church in a visible manner, as the mystery of Calvary unfolds on the Altar. It is an honour to serve our Lord at this most praiseworthy gift of love. The duty of an altar servant in liturgical celebrations remains one of prominence and distinction. Accordingly, altar servants have a solemn responsibility to do their assigned duties with dignity and reverence.

We pray that, may this hand book would be of good use to all and be the benchmark to learn and attain the knowledge of what and how to be an Altar Servant.

May God Bless you all

Your Spiritual Father in Christ


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