

## **COMMENTATOR MINISTRY**

### **1. What is a Commentator?**

- a. The Commentator provides the faithful, when appropriate, with brief explanations and commentaries with the purpose of introducing them to the celebration and preparing them to understand it better.
- b. The Commentator provides introduction to the first and second reading, and provides any concluding announcements at the end of mass.
- c. The Commentator's remarks must be meticulously prepared and clear though brief.

### **2. Qualities of a good Commentator:**

- a. Must confess your sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation regularly.
- b. Must receive Holy Communion regularly.
- c. Must observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church.
- d. Must provide for the material needs of the Church (tithing).
- e. Must observe the marriage laws of the Church (Be married in the Catholic Church).

- f. Good public speaking abilities — a good Commentator needs voice -- LSD (be loud, slow and distinct).
- g. Be practicing Catholics, distinguished in their Christian life, faith, and morals.

### **3. Responsibilities of a Commentator:**

- a. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to Mass.
- b. Review the introduction to the readings and announcements provided in the commentator book to familiarize yourself.
- c. Check with Father or Deacon if there are any special events that are going to happen within the mass. (e.g. Pre baptismal presentation).
- d. Join in the prayer before mass in the sacristy.
- e. The Commentator is responsible to collect the Gospel book, Lectionary, Roman Missal, Father's, Deacon's, and Commentator binders, and place them on the seat closest to the sacristy door. The Commentator will collect them after each mass except for the 7:30AM mass on Sundays.
- f. And perform all other duties requested by Father or Deacon.

### **4. Requirements to be a Commentator:**

- a. Must be at least 16 years old.
- b. Have received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.
- c. Ability to serve at scheduled masses or arrange for a substitute if unable to fulfill an assignment.
- d. Must attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
- e. All new commentators must receive proper training.

## **5. Dress Code:**

- a. For Women:
  - i. No spaghetti straps or sleeveless clothes, tube tops, plunging necklines, miniskirts / mini dresses, see through or ripped clothing.
- b. For Men:
  - i. No shorts, tank tops, sleeveless shirts, flipflops or ripped clothes.

## **6. Commentator ministry leaders and their contact information:**

- a. Head Coordinator: Roman Terry
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