

WHAT IS THE G.S.S. ?

The Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary is a Guild of Altar Servers which seeks to deepen the spiritual life of its members and to help them to become more worthy of their high office. It is entirely a society of lay people but welcomes Bishops, Priests and Deacons as Associate Members.

Altar Servers from many parishes meet at their Chapter and Festivals for Worship and Fellowship, often providing support for servers who may be the solitary server at their church.

There are Chapters throughout England, Wales and overseas.

FROM THE COUNCIL

The Council, while cordially welcoming the interest and support of Priests in the work of The Guild, is anxious that the connection with it should not be merely formal and asks that Priest-Associates shall undertake to remember The Guild in their prayers, and in particular, to plead the Holy Sacrifice on behalf of the work of The Guild at least once a year, if possible at the time of the Annual General Meeting of The Guild on the Saturday in Easter Week.

The Council further asks for the assistance of Priest-Associates in promoting the Objects of The Guild as set forth in the Guild Manual, among the servers who under their influence, and where possible, to support the 'Candidates for Ordination Fund'.

FROM THE WARDEN

To Priests nominated as Associates of the Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary

My Dear Friend

You have been recommended to become a Priest-Associate of the Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary. Would you please read the memorandum drawn up by the Council with reference to the Priest-Associate.

A priest, from his position within the Guild, can do much to help servers to understand the implications of 'unreservedly accepting Catholic Faith and Practice' e.g. Sacramental Confession, weekly attendance at Mass and the importance of adequate preparation for the reception of the Holy Communion.

I hope that by your Associate Membership of the Guild you will endeavor to promote the Catholic Faith and encourage all servers to become members of the Guild.

Yours Sincerely

Canon Darren Smith
Warden, Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary



APPLICATION FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP OF THE GUILD OF SERVANTS OF THE SANCTUARY

April 2026

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I, _____ Revd. / Right Revd. _____ Roll No. _____
(for Head Office to allocate)

Christian
Names _____

Surname _____

Having been ordained by the Lord Bishop of:

On _____

*and unreservedly accepting **Traditional Catholic Faith and Practice**, do
apply for Associate Membership of the Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary,
and concur in the Objects, Rules and Recommendations of the Guild.*

Signature _____

Date of Birth _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Telephone No. _____

E Mail: _____

Date: _____

Local Chapter to which it is desired to be attached:

Chapter No _____/_____

Chapter Secretary _____

Incumbent / Chaplain _____

Address: _____

A remittance of £20.00 (£25.00 overseas) made payable to Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary, must be sent with this form to cover:-
Entrance Fee & First Year Annual Membership Subscription
Guild Manual, Guild Medal
The Server Magazine for 1 year,

When completed, return to the local Chapter Secretary.
or to the Secretary General, GSS Mail, PO Box 9728, Ferndale, CF43 9AT

Annual Membership Subscription - £15, includes The Server magazine mailed direct to you.

DATA PROTECTION: The Guild complies with its obligations under the 'GDPR' by keeping personal data up to date and by protecting it securely. Personal details will not be shared with any other organization unless we have your specific authorization. Further information is available on our website under 'DATA PRIVACY NOTICE'.