

COMMENTATOR SCRIPT

This is only a suggested script when doing “Commentator” duties. The MOST IMPORTANT aspects you need to remember when doing this ministry is to have a very “welcoming” attitude, which means you need to have a cheerful disposition, and be able to show everyone that OLPH aloha spirit – no Eeyore’s please! You’ll need to be able to think on your feet, and be very flexible depending on the situation.

You don’t have to recite this script word for word. In fact, I highly recommend that you develop your own style, but always remember to have that aloha spirit. Don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any questions/problems. (Email: derek.salis@us.af.mil or dereksalis@aol.com Phone: 674-1253 (home), 256-7269 (cell), 449-8842 (work).

God bless...

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Start approximately 5 minutes before mass starts (earlier if choir needs to practice more than the responsorial psalm). Find out from the choir what will need to be practiced, and also the name of the cantor beforehand.

Good (morning/afternoon/evening) **parish family and welcome to Our Lady of Perpetual Help** (7 a.m./9 a.m./11 a.m./5 p.m.) **mass as we celebrate the** (liturgical week: i.e., 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time). **We’d like to start off by practicing our responsorial psalm and to help us with that is our cantor** (name). (If more practice is needed you could say something like, “One more time, I know you can do better than that.”) **Great job! We’d like to take this time to welcome any visitors or newcomers to our parish. If this is your first time to OLPH and you’re here from another country, the mainland, outer island, or just another town on Oahu or you just moved into the area and you’re considering making our parish your home, please stand and be recognized. We want to welcome you with a shell lei** (as people stand, find out where they are visiting/moved here from and repeat it for everyone to hear/know.) (Tell each) **Welcome and aloha!** (after all visitors/newcomers have been recognized, then go onto birthdays for the week). **Do we have anyone celebrating a birthday this week between now and next** (Friday or Saturday depending on which mass you’re doing, could also mention the closing date). **If so, please stand so that we can give you a shell lei as well. Don’t worry, we won’t ask you how old you are.** (after all are recognized, then go onto anniversary celebrations.) **How about anybody celebrating the sacrament of matrimony this week between now and next** (Friday or Saturday – same as birthdays) **according to the teachings of the Catholic church?** Again, please stand and let us honor your special occasion with a shell lei (it’s OK to ask each couple how many years in the sacrament of matrimony) (after all are recognized then say...) **Let us now have a moment of silence by quieting our hearts and minds as we await the ringing of the bell to mark the start of mass.”** (after the bell is rung, then ask the parish to...) **Please stand and warmly greet one another as we begin our sacred liturgy** (OR, if there will be a baptismal presentation, then add...) **and turn around to face the baptismal font for a baptismal presentation.**