

young boy, Tarcisius, suffered death in the days of persecution in an attempt to carry the Holy Eucharist to some Christians who had been thrown into prison and were about to become the prey of the beasts in the amphitheatre. This heroic soul is now the patron of acolytes.

It is interesting to note that Our Lord Himself sanctified the duties of those in minor orders by exercising them on occasions which are familiar to all. He performed the duty of porter when He drove the money-changers from the temple; of lector when He was found in the midst of the doctors and again when He appeared in the synagogue and rose to read; He often drove the demons from the possessed; and all His life He acted as acolyte, preparing the Sacrifice which He was to offer on the Cross.

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The Living Host

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Within Thee throbs the Sacred Heart
 O living Host divine!
 Thou art in truth our very God:
 May we be truly Thine!

And in Thee flows the Precious Blood
 The mystic Stream of life;
 Our hope before the Triune God,
 Our strength in every strife.

O Bread eternal, Lamb divine,
 Thy mercy we implore:
 True Son of Mary, Son of God,
 Sweet Jesus—we adore!