

THE ROLE OF THE EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION

- “If such ordinary ministers of Holy Communion [bishop, priests, deacons] are not present, "the priest may call upon extraordinary ministers to assist him.....” (GIRM 162)
- All ministers of Holy Communion should show the greatest reverence for the Most Holy Eucharist by their demeanor, their attire, and the manner in which they handle the consecrated bread or wine. *2010, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.*

VOCABULARY:

- Chalice: Are the cups which hold the wine which becomes the Blood of Christ.
- Ciborium: Is the vessel that holds the hosts which are used for communion.
- Paten: Is the saucer type dish which holds the large host that will become the Body of Christ.
- Purificator: Is a white cloth (usually rectangular in shape) that is used to cleanse the Chalice.
- Corporal: A white linen square cloth set on the altar. The vessels containing the bread and wine which will become the Body and Blood of Jesus are set on this cloth during Mass.
- Credence Table: The table in the Sanctuary that holds the linens, vessels, and those items needed for the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice.
- Sacramental Sink: Is the small sink found in the hallway next to the Sacristy. This is a special sink that is for the proper disposal of sacred substances, ie. the drops of the precious blood. The drain opens into a pipe that runs straight down into the earth.

BEFORE MASS:

Arrive 20 minutes before Mass

Sign-in

DURING MASS:

- At the Sign of Peace – please share the sign of peace in the pews. Please refrain from sharing the sign of peace once the Lamb of God (Agnus Dei) begins.
- The Lamb of God – during the Lamb of God, please make your way to the Sanctuary steps.
 - If to the far left side of the Sanctuary – please wait by the piano. Face the Altar.
 - If from the middle or the far right side – go to the bottom of the first step by the Organ and wait. If you cross by the Altar, bow to the Altar and move to the bottom of the first step by the organ. Face the Altar.
- After Fr. Lam drinks the Precious Blood all EOM of HC move to the first step on the Presider Chair side and face Father.
- Father will bring you Communion and will give you the Vessels holding the Body and Blood of Christ and purificators for the Precious Blood.

PRECIOUS BLOOD:

- If you are distributing the Precious Blood, please stand on the 1st step on either side of the front of Church.
 - Please open your purificator to use the whole cloth in wiping the Chalice.
 - Lift the cup and say “the Blood of Christ”
 - Wipe the cup with the purificator where the person just drank
 - Turn the cup slightly for the next person.

- **PLEASE NOTE:** *When there are people in the front pew for the handicapped, Fr. will Give them communion. The EOM of HC with the Chalice standing on the organ side needs to follow behind Fr. and offer the Blood of Christ.*

- If you run out of the Precious Blood:
 1. You stay standing at your spot
 - Take the purificator and place over top of Chalice and place your hand over the purificator.
 2. or you may place your empty Chalice and purificator on the credence table and then go to your pew. As you come out of the Sanctuary, bow to the altar.

- If you have Precious Blood left in the Chalice
 1. If you are able to consume it, please consume it with your back to the people.
 2. If you are not able to consume it, please ask the other EOM to help you by consuming it.
 - a. If no one is able to consume the rest of the Precious Blood – take the Chalice and place it on the credence table. Cover the Chalice with your purificator. As it has to be consumed, then the priest or deacon will consume it.

- Placing the empty Chalice on the credence table - Please place empty Chalice on credence table. Please place the purificator on the credence table next to the empty Chalice. Please do not cover the empty Chalice or stuff the purificator in the empty Chalice.

BODY OF CHRIST

- If you are distributing the Body of Christ stand next to Father.
 - Lift a consecrated host and say “The Body of Christ”
 - Put the Body of Christ on the hand or tongue of the person receiving the Body of Christ indicated by the person holding out his/her hands or his/her tongue.

- When all have received the Body of Christ
 - If your ciborium has some left, place the ciborium on the altar. Fr. will take care of the extra. You do not need to wait while he does this.
 - If your ciborium is empty, place it on the credence table.

EOM LEAVING THE SANCTUARY AFTER COMMUNION

- Once you have placed your vessel in the designated place stated above, go to the bottom of the steps and face the altar.
- When all EOM of HC have made their way to the bottom of the steps – bow to the altar and be seated.

DUTIES AFTER MASS

- Wash Vessels put away
- Put Dirty Linens (purificators, finger towel) in the top drawer of the plastic 3 drawer in the sacristy.

SPECIAL NOTE: If a child or adult comes up for Communion, who has not received their First Communion, you can give them a special blessing. Make a cross on their forehead or put your hand on their head and say, “May God Bless you.”

SPECIAL NOTE: If the Deacon is present, we need one less extraordinary minister. The ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are a Bishop, Priest, and Deacon.