

# EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS

- For 100 or fewer people in the congregation: Two Eucharistic ministers are needed. (Hence three total, including the presider) These two people will be ministers of the cup.
- For more than 100: Five Eucharistic ministers are needed (six total including the presider). Four of these will be ministers of the cup, one will be bread minister along with the priest.

Eucharistic ministers do not have to attend the wedding rehearsal. They just need to “touch base” with the presider prior to the service to receive an assigned location for distribution.

**REMEMBER:** If you want baked bread used for the Mass, you need to contact the Newman Office to obtain the recipe. Otherwise the Communion hosts will be used.

## **Instructions for Eucharistic ministers:**

During the Sign of Peace, Eucharistic ministers are to come up to the altar area and stand to the east of the altar (tabernacle side).

Note: Eucharistic ministers and presider will receive communion after the congregation.

After the Fraction Rite (i.e. “Lord I am not worth to receive you...”), Eucharistic ministers are to come to the altar and take their respective cup or bowl, then move to assigned spots.

*One cup minister is to follow the presider to offer the cup to the bride and groom, then move to his/her assigned location.*

At your assigned location, stand on the lowest step, not the main floor. (This will allow more room in front of the pews for people to move.)

**Bread Ministers:** Hold the bowl in one hand and offer communion by lifting one piece and saying “the Body of Christ.” Place the communion in the person’s hand (or on the tongue).

**Cup Ministers:** Extend the cup to the person and say “the Blood of Christ.” The person should take the cup and drink from it. Receive the cup back and wipe the area from which they drank. Rotate the cup a complete quarter turn before offering it to the next person. [Occasionally, a person may wish to dip his/her host into the cup. Simply tilt the cup toward them to aid this process. Note, this is not the recommended way of receiving the Blood of Christ]

- After all have received, move back to the altar area.
  - The presider will distribute communion to the Eucharistic ministers.
  - After all Eucharistic ministers have received, remove all vessels from the altar and carry them back to the small table to the side of sanctuary door.
  - Return to your seat.
- \*Check with the presider (or Wedding Host) after the service to help “do the dishes.”