

## **EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS for Christ Our Light** (revised September, 2013)

- Please arrive 15 minutes before Mass. Eucharistic Ministers (EM) **SIGN IN** on the roster **and select an area on the map of positions** at the back of church. Liturgical Ministers join in a short prayer 5 minutes before Mass begins. Lead EM is responsible to make sure all spots are filled.
- At the end of the “sign of peace,” all EMs line up in front of steps and bow together. Ministers then move to the side of the sanctuary. Wash hands with Sanitizer. At South, the bottle is on a table behind priest/deacon seats. At North sanitizer is on the credence table behind servers and (for the EM leader) behind the pillar by the Tabernacle.
- If you are serving as the Lead EM, **do not bow with the others, instead proceed immediately to the Tabernacle, reverence Tabernacle with a bow**, and take out Ciborium. Next, immediately bring it to the altar and place it on the altar. Remain standing near the Tabernacle, just to the side of the Presider.
- Other Ems wait for the Presider to consume, then move to line up behind the altar. At South, wait on the landing (off to the side). At North EMs move to wait near the credence table (behind the Servers).
- Presider serves Lead EM first. After receiving the cup, the Lead EM keeps the cup/purificator and follows Presider to distribute to others.
- When all the Ministers have received, the Lead EM puts chalice back on the altar. All EMs take their vessel and move into place. Remember when leaving the Sanctuary if you are holding anything: Patten, cup, book, etc. DO NOT bow. Note: If there is someone who cannot leave the pew, (e.g. wheelchairs or elderly) please make sure that they are served FIRST.
- Bread Ministers: say, “The Body of Christ” and wait for receiver to respond, “Amen.” Cup Ministers say, “The Blood of Christ” and wait for receiver to respond, “Amen.” If a person does not respond, “Amen” when receiving, please say it for them as you offer the host or cup. Then wipe the cup with the purificator and rotate it one-quarter turn for the next person. Open the purificator up completely and use the entire area.
- There are those who cannot receive communion for various reasons (i.e. they are too young, are not Catholic, etc.) They “should,” indicate this by crossing themselves with their arms. Please extend your hand on them and offer a prayer of blessing (i.e. “ God bless you.” or “I bless you in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.”)
- If someone approaches with a pyx (small box for host), serve them the host, then place one in the pyx.
- After all have come through the communion line, check to see if another station needs help. If no other station needs assistance, consume the Precious Blood and move to the credence table to place cup there. Lay the purificator on the side, not on top. You may ask another minister to consume the Blood if you do not wish to do so.
- The Bread Ministers return to the altar and place ciborium on altar. Presider will place all remaining hosts into one ciborium and give it to the Lead EM, who returns it to the Tabernacle (please reverence the Tabernacle when you are finished).
- When all finished, the Lead EM has returned the Ciborium to the Tabernacle, all will meet at the foot of the steps, bow together, and return to your seats.
- All Ems please help clean up after Mass. Instructions are posted in the Sacristy.