

EXTRA-ORDINARY COMMUNION MINISTERS

1. If practical, please sit near the front in the center aisle or left side of the church.
2. The minister who will distribute the Body of Christ, needs to proceed to the Blessed Sacrament Chapel immediately during the Sign of Peace. First stop at the credence table to use the hand sanitizer, then obtain the Ciborium from the Tabernacle, proceed with the Ciborium to the Altar. When approaching the Tabernacle, always genuflect in reverence to our Lord.
3. The key for the Tabernacle will be in the lock.
4. During the Lamb of God, place the Ciborium on the Altar or give to the deacon. Join the other Eucharistic minister, who should be at the step by the handrail in the sanctuary.
5. After the Deacon has received the Cup from Father (or Father has received the Blood), both Eucharistic Ministers approach the sanctuary area and stand near the ambo. The minister who will distribute the Body should stand nearest the wall.
6. The deacon is the bearer of the Cup. So, normally, the deacon will always be a Cup bearer. After receiving the Body and Blood, the minister of the Body stands in the center aisle to the right of the presider. The Cup minister will be to the corner of the steps near the ambo.
7. As the parishioner stands before you to receive the Eucharist, look them in the eyes, holding the Body/Cup out in front of you, offering them Eucharist as you recite the words "The Body of Christ." or "The Blood of Christ." Then, wait for the response of "Amen."
8. Take care to be sure the person receiving the cup has it in their hands securely in place before letting go of the cup. Some children or elderly may need assistance holding the cup.
9. When the cup has been returned to you, wipe the rim area inside and out with the purificator and turn the cup ¼ turn as you offer it to the next person in line. Slightly move the purificator in your hand to enable you to use a clean section of the purificator for wiping the cup each time.
10. If you run out of the Blood prior to the end of the line, cover the cup with the purificator and return it to the credence table.
11. If any of the Precious Blood remains in the cup after the distribution is complete, **proceed to the credence table, consume ALL of the remaining Blood** and place the empty cup on the credence table. If you cannot consume the remaining Precious Blood, DO NOT place the purificator over the cup on the credence table - ask another communion minister or the deacon or priest to consume the remaining Blood. Then, return to your seat.
12. When distributing the Body of Christ and someone who is not in full Communion with the Church, may want a blessing instead. They normally will cross their arms over their chest. Bless those individuals (children or adults) by a simple touch on the head or shoulder with the fingers on your hand that you are not touching the host with and simply say, "May the Lord bless you." or "God be with you."

13. If you drop a Host onto the floor, pick it up and hold it in the hand you are not distributing with. Then after completing the distribution, consume it at the credence table or let the deacon or priest know right away.
14. Upon completion of communion, wait for the priest/deacon to consolidate the unused Consecrated Hosts into the Ciborium and then return it to the Tabernacle. When approaching the Tabernacle, always genuflect in reverence to our Lord.
15. Place the Ciborium in the Tabernacle, lock it and put the key on the sacristy counter. Return to your seat.
16. After Mass, immediately get the collection basket from the front of the Altar and place the clear bag in the locked cabinet where the altar vessels are stored.
17. Working with the altar servers, take all the vessels from the credence table to the sacristy, including the Chalice, the Cup(s), the Paten(s), both of the cruets, the finger bowl and the small pitcher. The deacon or a sacristan will purify, wash and put them away.

NOTE:

If you are unable to fulfill your ministry as Eucharistic Minister at the appointed Mass time, you are responsible for finding a replacement. If you cannot find a replacement, contact the parish office.