

## 7. Be aware that all have been served

Cantor's will receive communion with the Eucharistic ministers.

Be aware of the Choir's presence at liturgy. Ministry on the music side of the Worship space means checking the position of the choir as you leave the altar with the elements. If the Choir is not standing in line waiting to receive first, communicate them after you have ministered to the Assembly and before you leave the music side of the worship space. They are waiting and watching for you.

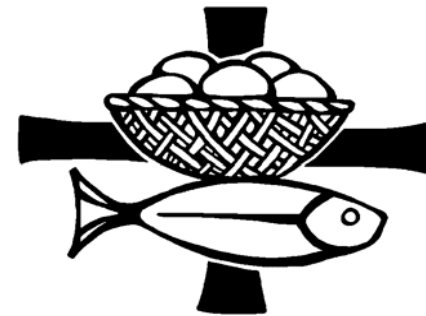
People with disabilities are generally seated in the front rows of sections 3, 4 and 6. The bread and cup are offered to people who are seated here first, then assume your sign-in station. People with disabilities who are not seated in the front row should be offered communion when you have finished your section.

Be aware of the size of the Assembly when the overflow space is being utilized. Ushers should direct people down the middle aisle after sections 3 & 4 have received.

When you are finished with your ministry, place your vessel on the credence table and go back to your seat, do not wait for everyone else to finish.

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## *Eucharistic Ministry*



1. Come early (15 min)
2. Sign-in and know where you're going
3. Get a sub if you can't come
4. Come forward at the "Lamb of God"
5. Be the Body of Christ in your demeanor
6. Help other ministers
7. Be aware that all have been served

## **1. Come early (15 min)**

Scheduled ministers should plan to arrive at church 15 minutes ahead of schedule and sign in. Unscheduled ministers who arrive 10 minutes or less before the mass time, please check the sign-in sheet for available openings and sign- in. All liturgical ministers gather for prayer 5 minutes before the liturgy.

## **2. Sign-in and know where you're going**

After you have signed in and have noted the station of your ministry, please take an appropriate cross to wear. A simple cross designates a bread minister, a cluster of grapes designates a cup minister.

## **3. Get a sub if you can't come**

Keep the schedule of Eucharistic ministers near your copy of the weekly bulletin, or your computer terminal, if you are using the internet/parish website to stay in touch with parish life. Please call a sub if you cannot come.

## **4. Come forward at the "Lamb of God"**

Immediately after the invitation to share the peace of Christ is proclaimed the Eucharistic Coordinator goes to the tabernacle in the chapel to bring the bread that is in reserve to the altar.

After the other Eucharistic ministers have extended the sign of peace to those near them, come forward extending the sign of peace to those you pass on the ends of rows or to people in the front rows. When you hear the cantor begin to sing the first invocation stop extending the sign of peace and proceed to the altar.

The Deacon (or in his absence the Eucharistic coordinator for the mass) immediately begins to pour the blood of Christ into the other cups while our Presider prepares the Body of Christ for distribution.

The Presider will distribute the Body of Christ to all ministers. Then the cup ministers will step forward to receive the blood of Christ and receive their cup. Upon reception of their cup, the minister commences to communicate the bread ministers and musicians who may be in the sanctuary. Cup ministers follow Bread ministers to their stations after all have received their vessels.

## **5. Be the Body of Christ in your demeanor**

Christ is present in the person of our Presider, in the Word of God, in the sacrament of the Eucharist, in the Assembly as it prays and sings and in you as you present the body and blood of Christ to each communicant. Reflect on the many blessings of love that God has given to you and then communicate this love to each person that receives Eucharist.

Communicate the real presence of Christ in the tone of your voice and pacing of the words as you say "The Body of Christ" or "The Blood of Christ".

Communicate the real presence of Christ as you look into the communicant's eyes through the Bread or the cup.

Communicate the real presence of Christ as you handle the sacred elements.

Communicate the real presence of Christ as you move from your place in the Assembly to the altar, from the altar to your station, from your station back to the credence table.

Communicate the real presence of Christ in all things all week.

## **6. Help other ministers**

When you have finished ministry at the station for which you have signed-in be aware of the flow at the other stations. Stations 1, 2, 5 & 6 can accommodate one bread minister and 2 cup ministers. Stations 3 & 4 will accommodate one additional bread minister in front of and next to the legs of the person in chair 4, facing the middle aisle. Station 3 will accommodate an additional cup minister 4 feet to the right of the original cup minister. Station 4 will accommodate an additional cup minister 4 feet to the left of the original cup minister.