

Liturgy

Ministers of the Eucharist

Purpose/Mission: Since 1973 by the Vatican instruction *Immensae Caritatis* the Church has permitted non-ordained ministers to distribute Holy Communion. Since then, distribution of Communion by lay women and men has become a well-accepted element in liturgical practice. The ministry of the Eucharist is a ministry of gift-giving and welcoming. It should, therefore, be a ministry for those who themselves are loving, generous, and self-giving people. To act as a Eucharistic Minister is a great honor in fulfilling the words of Christ; “This is my body that is for YOU. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Services Provided:

- * Assists the Mass celebrant in distributing the Body and Blood of Christ, the Eucharist, to the communicants.

- * Assists in Sunday, Holy Days, and Funeral Masses.

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Other Information: This ministry requires formation and training based on a deep appreciation of the Eucharist as Jesus Christ’s greatest gift to his Church. This training should include catechesis on the theological and scriptural references concerning the Eucharist, knowledge of the Eucharist as the Sacrifice and Meal, of the meaning of the Real Presence, and how the Eucharist relates to the other sacraments. This training will also include practical information on the procedures to be followed by the Eucharistic minister during Mass. Trained candidates are submitted to the Diocesan Office of Worship, and if approved are commissioned by the pastor.