

Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Guidelines - 2023

PROCEDURE: BEFORE MASS

All EMs - arrive 10 minutes before Mass, take your ciborium or cup from sacristy to Credence Table - one purificator is needed for each cup

- First EM arriving checks tabernacle to see how many hosts are left from previous Mass. Add hosts to be consecrated according to need.

Each sleeve holds 100 hosts.

- Also add large presider host

- Fill water cruet and wine cruet/pitcher

- Remind altar servers what to take to credence table --

presider's chalice, wine and water cruets, towel and water bowl

DURING MASS:

At Great Amen, come to sanctuary and line up,

Ministers of Body of Christ to Fr. Mike's right.

Ministers of the Precious Blood to his left.

If crossing over from your seat to your EM position,

cross behind Father and not in front of altar

Father and/or deacon will distribute to EMs.

Hold your position until all have received under each form.

When Father heads to the front, go to your position.

One EM with ciborium will assist him in center aisle

And take Eucharist to anyone physically challenged in front row.

At least one EM with ciborium will go to addition.

Two EMs with cups will flare out to flank Father, the third goes to addition.

After Communion, return to sanctuary and hold on to your vessel.

Ciboria will be handed to Fr. Mike, don't just put them on altar.

Precious Blood must be consumed, if any left, before handing cup to Father.

Wait until Father or deacon returns ciborium to tabernacle.

Return to your seats via the sacristy.

AFTER MASS:

Two EMs are to stay and wash vessels, including Father's chalice.

Then prepare chalice with purificator and corporal for next Mass.

- Also put purificators with cups

DO NOT:

Bless anyone who comes before you in the communion line.

Physical blessings are to come from priests and deacons only.

ALSO DO NOT:

Distribute a host to someone with a pyx, even if you know the person.

Tell him/her to come to the sacristy after Mass.

and someone will get a host out of the tabernacle for him/her.

The reasoning is twofold:

- 1) The Eucharist is not to be housed at more than one location in a building.
- 2) We want to be assured that the person picking up the host will be going directly to the location of the person who is to receive the host.