

## **Eucharistic Ministers Guidelines**

During the sign of peace all eucharistic ministers come up, use the sanitizing gel and form a line of eleven ministers in the rear of the Sanctuary (green carpet area): the cup ministers (one through six) on the right facing the altar, then bread ministers (one through five), then the altar servers at the far left. Cup ministers should have a purificator draped on their left arm.

The Priest will serve the Bread to all ministers and altar servers.

The Priest will return to the altar and bring two cups to the first and second ministers, who will step forward to receive them. They will receive the blood of Christ and then move to the bread ministers (those without the purificator) and altar servers to give them the blood of Christ. First cup minister is to start at the first bread minister. Next cup minister is to start with the last altar server. Both ministers will meet in the middle, after which they will go to Cup 1 and Cup 2 positions to minister to the community. Father will return with two cups for cups 3 and 4, then cups 5 and 6. Cup ministers, please step forward to receive the cup. After receiving, go to your assigned cup stations.

Priest returns to the altar, bringing two patens (plates) to the bread ministers. Please step forward two by two to receive them. Please step back until all bread ministers have their patens. Father will have the option as to where he will choose to minister (Parking lot side, Coloma side or East side). Once Father moves to a position, then bread ministers can move to the remaining positions.

The proper offering is “The Body of Christ” and “The Blood of Christ”. The proper response is “Amen”. PLEASE be aware that Communion Bread is to be consumed at the altar. If anyone walks away with Communion in their hand, let them know they MUST consume it or return it. Don’t be afraid or embarrassed – this is Christ’s Body and may not be treated disrespectfully.

The choir generally will receive communion after the community receives. The first cup and first bread to finish should minister to the choir, waiting in front of them until they are done singing.

After each minister finishes giving communion, they are to return their patens (plates) to the altar to the left of the priest. If a minister still has precious blood in their cup, he/she should consume what is left, if possible, if not they can quietly ask another minister standing by the credence table to assist. Water is then added to the empty cup, swirled around and consumed. Each cup is then placed on the credence table.

All ministers line up beside the credence table and wait for Father to finish at the altar. Priest will then place hosts into a ciborium with cover and take ciborium to the tabernacle. When placed in the tabernacle, all bow. When the tabernacle is closed, ministers return to their seats.