

Year of the Eucharist

Changes in Eucharistic Ministry to the Home bound and Hospitalized

As part of celebrating the Year of the Eucharist as instructed by Archbishop Paul Etienne, all Eucharistic Ministers to the Home bound and Hospitalized should be aware of the following **new** protocols for bringing the Eucharist to those who cannot pray with us at Mass: Effective Sunday, November 29th, the following protocols will be put in place.

- Eucharistic Ministers are not permitted to keep the Eucharist on one's person or to carry it around unless pastoral necessity urges it. Please take the Eucharist directly from the Tabernacle, place it in your pyx, and proceed as directly and as soon as possible to the individual receiving the Body of Christ.
- In anticipation of a future visit to the sick or home bound, the Blessed Sacrament may not be reserved in cars or homes. Eucharistic Ministers are required to take the Eucharist directly to the individual receiving the Body of Christ and may not house the Eucharist in their car or home.
- Priests, Deacons and Extraordinary minister of Holy Communion during Mass are **not** permitted to place consecrated hosts into a pyx presented by an individual in the Communion procession. Eucharistic Ministers to the Home bound and hospitalized will need to obtain the consecrated Host directly from the Tabernacle before or after Mass.

As always, we cannot thank you enough for your Ministry to those who cannot attend Mass. You are a blessing to them, and the parish. If these protocols are not clear and/or you need further direction, please feel free to contact the Parish Office. Although we are working from home at this time, we will receive your message and are happy to return your call.

Thank you in advance and know that you are prayed for.