

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION NOTES

In The Narthex

1. Attire – Dress appropriately when assigned to serve.
2. You should be in a State of Grace with no mortal sins.
3. Use the sign-in book in the narthex so that the sacristan knows if there are enough Eucharistic Ministers.

During Mass

1. Go to the altar immediately after the Sign of Peace.
2. Bow before stepping on red carpet (sanctuary).
3. Folded your hands at chest level so that you are a model for altar servers.
4. 2 EM on each side of altar
5. Remember to wash your hands using waterless antibacterial soap that's on the tables to the left and to the right of the altar.
6. Remain at a distance until Father begins to give Communion to servers.
7. Bow before receiving Body of Christ and before receiving Blood of Christ.
8. Distribution of Body of Christ:
 - a. In front of the altar
 - b. For choir first and for elderly at back of church second unless the person is along the aisle and standing.
 - c. Giving Communion on the tongue
 - d. Do not distribute Communion to people in narthex unless requested by the priest.
9. Distribution of Blood of Christ
 - a. If right-handed, take the chalice in your left hand.
 - b. Rotate purificator so that you're not wiping from the same spot.
10. End of Communion
 - a. Consumption of the remaining Precious Blood should take place after returning into the sanctuary.
 - b. At the conclusion of distributing Communion, you should not bow as you pass in front of the altar because you are already carrying the Precious Body or Blood of Christ.
 - c. Return ciborium and chalice to Father
 - i. Wait for him to take it. Do not place anything on the altar.
 - d. Eucharistic Ministers bow together before returning to your pew.

Other Topics

1. Intinction is not permitted under ordinary circumstances.
2. At the tabernacle
 - a. Push key in quickly and use your other hand to open the door.
 - b. Genuflect when you open the tabernacle before you remove the ciborium.
 - c. Genuflect before closing the tabernacle door.
3. One of the Eucharistic Ministers should get the reserve ciborium upon entering the sanctuary.
4. Help wash vessels after Mass.
5. If a Eucharistic Minister is missing, look around to make certain that the assigned person is not on his/her way to the altar. If not, feel free to take that person's place.
6. Schedules