

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF THE EUCHARIST

NOTE: Given that Extraordinary Ministers are present before mass, they can also offer the ministry of hospitality to those arriving for mass.

1. At the “Lamb of God” approach the altar. Stay on the floor level and flank both sides of altar, Body on right; Blood on left.
2. When all extraordinary ministers are gathered, transition to the altar and make a semi-circle behind the altar. Do not bow to the altar.
 - a. The LAC (Left Altar Cup) should go to the tabernacle and retrieve the reserved, consecrated hosts. That person goes up to the altar by way of the side stairs. They place the ciborium on the side of the altar, the same side they are on.
3. After all have received communion from the priest, all ministers exit together to their assigned posts.
 - a. Communion should be distributed to the choir first. If the Organist and Cantor are not able to receive at that time, the same Extraordinary Minister remains after the congregation has received and then gives communion to the remaining persons associated with the choir.
 - b. The Choir will begin to line up at the beginning of the “Lamb of God”.
4. After you have finished distributing communion at your post, verify whether communion is needed elsewhere. If so, go and assist there. If not, return to the sanctuary by way of the main steps. Consume or help consume the remaining consecrated wine. (The sacristans will purify the cups.)
5. Return to your seats by way of the main steps. (There is no need to bow to the altar.)

VERIFICATION THAT ALL MINISTERS ARE PRESENT:

- The sacristan verifies before mass begins that all extraordinary ministers are present..