

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY @ HSCC

Lay Ministers in Chapel, Home,
Hospital and Nursing Homes



Jesus of Nazareth

Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' (Matthew 25:37-41)

Vatican II

Sharing in the function of Christ the laity have an active part of their own in the life and activity of the church. Their activity within the church communities is necessary. Without the apostolate of the Laity the apostolate of the pastors will frequently be unable to obtain its full effect. (Second Vatican Council, Decree on the Apostolate of Lay People, #10)

All at the Table

Live and Preach the Gospel:

Engage the faithful in *bringing the Good News* into society by word and action.

Provide opportunities for interfaith prayer, dialogue, and *social outreach* as a way of witnessing to and sharing faith.

Provide opportunities for all parish members to learn, share, and *teach* the faith.

All at the Table

Foster Life-Long Learning

*Establish ongoing formation, education, supervision,
and evaluation for all parish ministers.*

All at the Table

Act Justly:

Support parish and civic organizations that
provide services to the poor.

Ordinary & Extraordinary

Bishops, Priests and Deacons are the *ordinary ministers of the Eucharist*.

Practically, this means that all Bishops, Priests and Deacons present at Mass and serving liturgically, when they are physically able to do so, must function in this role.

Other lay persons ministering the sacrament are the *extraordinary ministers*.

Ministries @ HSCC

- ▣ Adoration:

Chairperson: Roger Coonrod

Staff Support: Fr. John & Fr. Reginald

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- ▣ Homebound Ministry:

Chairperson:

Staff Support: Debbie/Fr. John

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▣ Hospital/Nursing Home Ministry:

Chairperson: Mimi

Staff Support: Debbie/Fr. John

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- ▣ Eucharistic Ministers @ Mass

Chairperson:

Staff Support: Debbie/Fr. John/Diane

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Eucharistic Ministers @ Mass

- ▣ Check in before Mass begins/Medallion
- ▣ Give a blessing for adults or children who are not receiving communion.
- ▣ Spills are handled by covering them with the purificator. Accidents happen so don't panic. Use your common sense and try to avoid attention.
- ▣ Try to serve only one ministry at each Mass

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Eucharistic Ministers @ Mass

- ▣ Should I mention a person's name?
- ▣ Take care of obvious handicapped persons first.
- ▣ Approach anyone obviously holding on to the pews or another person for stability.

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Eucharistic Ministers @ Mass

- ▣ After distributing the Body of Christ, the Priest or Deacon will put the remaining hosts in the ciborium on the altar. He will then return it to the tabernacle or have an available Eucharistic Minister do so.

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- ▣ The ministers of the Blood of Christ will place their empty chalices and purificators on the credence table to be purified by the Priest or Deacon. Do not put the purificator in the chalice. (As much as possible, ask the last communicant to finish the Blood of Christ. If that is not possible, consume the Blood of Christ yourself at your station or at the altar. Please do not drink while walking!)

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- ▣ If there is a lot of the Most Precious Blood remaining, please consume it or ask the Priest to do so. Cover any MPB in chalices with purificators.
- ▣ The sacred vessels will need to be put away after Mass. The Sacristan or Priest will do this.

Who Can Minister the Eucharist?

Fully Initiated: Baptism, Confirmation Eucharist,
Sacramental Marriage, Practical Catholic

Scandal: “Scandal is an attitude or behavior which leads another to do evil. The person who gives scandal becomes his neighbor’s tempter. He damages virtue and integrity; he may even draw his brother into spiritual death” (CCC #2284).

“Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin....” (Mt 18:6)

Practical Matters

- ▣ How do I get the Eucharist?
- ▣ Attire
- ▣ The Importance of Sacred Scripture/Official Prayer
- ▣ The Sacred Host and/or The Most Precious Blood
- ▣ What if a Host gets dropped?
- ▣ Ritual for Homebound/Hospital Ministry
- ▣ What do I do with extra hosts?

Who Can Receive?

Anyone who desires to receive Christ in the Eucharist must be in a state of grace. Anyone aware of having sinned mortally must not receive communion without having received absolution in the sacrament of penance.

CCC # 1415

When do I call a Priest?

Danger of Death: “The proper time for receiving holy anointing has certainly arrived when the believer begins to be in danger of death because of illness or old age” (CCC #1528)

When Patient/Family Request
Visit/Penance/Anointing/Viaticum

What are “Last Rites”?

Transporting & Protecting the Eucharist

- ▣ The Pyx and Case
- ▣ Go Directly to Place of Visitation

Scheduling

- ▣ On Sundays the Visitation List by part of town is left for you to see in the sacristies of St. Joe's and St. Anthony's
- ▣ You can do one or more Eucharistic Ministries
- ▣ Call Diane and/or Debbie to express your preferences for scheduling.
- ▣ Ideally, no one would be scheduled more than 1x per month.
- ▣ You can chose to visit on the side of town most convenient for you.
- ▣ You can visit Sundays or during the week.
- ▣ You can select one or more people to visit personally and establish an ongoing relationship with them.

Questions?

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