

New Instructions for Extraordinary Minister of Communion Procedure- to begin November 26-27, 2016

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for your continued ministry! **There are some changes in your ministry which will result in FEWER STEPS for you.** Please review them carefully.

We have purchased new Sacred Vessels for the Altar, and as we begin using them, it is a good time to make slight changes to our Communion Procedure that more closely follow the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) and mirror the procedures in place at Immaculate Conception Parish. This will make it easier for you to serve at either parish. Extraordinary Ministers or Eucharistic Ministers will be referred to as **EM** throughout these instructions.

1. During the Sign of Peace, the EM with hosts from section three brings the ciborium from the tabernacle to the sanctuary in time for the Lamb of God. Section three EM will do this whether there is a deacon present or not.
2. At the Lamb of God, all EM will come to their stations, and stand in the aisles instead of in front of the pews.
3. **After the Priest has consumed the Eucharist, ALL ministers will enter the sanctuary in a line, and all will receive the Body of Christ from the Priest, one at a time .**
4. **The Priest will distribute the chalices with Precious Blood to the EM with RED medallions, and after they have received, they will distribute the Precious Blood to the EM with BROWN medallions. After all receive, the Priest will distribute the ciboria to those with BROWN medallions and communion will proceed.**
5. Be mindful of the altar servers receiving, and if Sections 1-2 or 5-6 are combined, try and get to your stations quickly, as your line is generally longer, and there are also musicians who need to receive in Section 1.
6. If your station is finished, you may help another distribute at another station, but be sure you are helping the flow of traffic, rather than disrupting it. **Do not pour the Precious Blood from one chalice to another.** Thank you.
7. After Communion the EM of the Precious Blood will consume what is left in their chalices, and **place them on the Credence table. NOTE WELL: You will no longer take vessels to the back sacristy.**
8. After Communion the EM of the Body of Christ will return vessels **to the Altar**, and leave them there without emptying hosts. The priest will transfer hosts in the ciborium, and will PURIFY the vessels. **NOTE WELL: You will no longer take vessels to the back sacristy.**
9. The EM from section three will replace the ciborium in the tabernacle.
10. Please return to your seats. **You will not be involved in purifying the vessels, and there is no need to go to the sacristy.**

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