

# St. Thomas More Parish Eucharistic Ministers

## Responsibilities

November 20, 2007

In order to standardize the functions of the Eucharistic Minister at all weekend Liturgies, the following guidelines are provided and should be followed by all Eucharistic Ministers:

- Ministers should arrive at church approximately 15 minutes before mass starts to prepare themselves for their service.
- Ministers should see if the gifts and extra host vessels are set up.
- Eucharistic Ministers will follow the Server in the procession and walk two abreast.
- Upon arrival at the first pew the Ministers, together with the reader, will bow to the altar and then proceed into the pew.
- **As the priest receives communion** all Ministers will come together at the tabernacle area, and if no Deacon is present, one will go to the tabernacle and retrieve all the ciboria and bring them to the Altar.

### **Reverence should be maintained when standing at the altar**

- After the priest has received communion he will give the ministers communion assisted by the deacon. Ministers will not self communicate.
- After they have received communion the priest or deacon will hand them their vessels for distribution of the Eucharist.
- The Cup Ministers must take care not to drip or spill the Precious Blood. The purificators available with the cups must be used for that purpose as well as wiping the lip of the cup after each communicant receives the Precious Blood. **Intinction is not allowed.**
- After the distribution of the Eucharist is complete, the Cup Ministers will consume any of the Precious Blood left over and place the cups on the credence table covered by the purificator. **The Precious Blood is Jesus just as the Host is Jesus so IT IS STRICTLY FORBIDDEN TO POUR THE Precious Blood in the Sacrament ( Do Not Place Purificators in Cups or Clean Them At This Time)** and return to their pew.
- If a Deacon is not present, the Host Minister will take the ciboria from the Celebrant and return to the tabernacle where the hosts will be combined and the empty ciboria/s will be returned to the credence table.

Eucharistic Minister stations are as follows:

**1. One minister and the celebrant**

- Both stand side by side in line with the center aisle.

**2. One minister, Celebrant and a Deacon**

- Celebrant in center
- Deacon and Minister on each side in line with side Aisle

**3. Two ministers and the Celebrant and no cup**

- Celebrant in center
- Ministers on each side in line with the side aisle.

**4. Two ministers, Celebrant and Deacon and no cup**

- Celebrant and Deacon center
- Ministers on each side in line with the the side aisle

**5. Four ministers, Celebrant and Deacon with 2 cup stations**

- Host Minister stations , same as #4
- Cup stations will always be the same left minister at the middle of the front pew right minister by the organ.

*Your appointment as a Eucharistic Minister is a Call and a Privilege. With both come certain responsibilities some of which are:*

*Proper dress,*

*Being there when scheduled,*

*Arrive early enough to prepare spiritually,*

*PLEASE Get a substitute when situations arise that will prevent you from being there.*

*Remember it is the Lord who called you.*

**St. Thomas More**

Attached you will find the latest Eucharistic Minister procedure for St. Thomas More Parish. I hope this will be helpful to you in your ministry.

I also hope you've had a good summer and now are prepared for active service in your ministry. In order to ensure that we have enough Eucharistic Ministers at all the Masses I would like for you to tell me if you still want to be active and a choice of the Masses you would serve at. It would be a great help if you gave at least two (2 ) choices.

Sat 4:00PM,  5:15PM, Sun.  7:30AM,  8:45AM,  10:00AM,  11:15 AM,  12:30PM,

I do not want to be scheduled

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

I thank you for your service to the people of St Thomas More.

You can place this completed form in the collection basket mail it to the rectory marked for Deacon Blier's attention. The procedure is yours to keep

God Bless