

Eucharistic Minister Re-Training Outline

I. The Changes:

- a. Restoration of the Cup at Mass
- b. Reduction of Stations to those near Sanctuary

II. Why the Changes?

- a. The Scriptures and the Eucharistic prayer both refer, not only to the bread but to the "cup:" We are missing the full symbolism of the Eucharist, (even though we can fully receive Christ under one species).
- b. The last attempt we made at offering the cup was made confusing by having too many stations to serve.
- c. Approaching the Altar of Sacrifice to receive is also better symbolism than receiving at the half-way point of the Church.

III. The Changes in Action:

1. Continue to follow the current sign-in procedures.
2. At the "Lamb of God," rise up and come to the sanctuary.
 - a. Cup Bearers line up on Lector Side
 - b. Host Bearers line up on Choir Side
3. The Priest, (and Deacon), will offer Holy Communion to you under both species.

Note: No one is required to receive from the cup. Simply "wave off" the Priest or Deacon if this is the case for you.

4. Proceed to your station, which will be one of four, (1, 2, 3, 4, starting on the choir side. . . see accompanying diagram)
 - a. Note that the Cup-bearers for the Middle stations will be virtually back-to-shoulder with the Host bearers for the side aisles; while the Cup bearers for those side aisle will be near the side walls of the Church, (refer to the diagram)

5. Distribute Communion as Normal.
 - a. Cup Bearers should continually “turn and wipe, turn and wipe” to purify the cup between recipients.
 - b. Consume any remnant of precious blood before returning to the sanctuary or, otherwise, return carefully with remnant.
 - c. Cup Bearers must not offer empty cups to recipients: When the cup is empty, simply lay purificator atop the cup and return to the Sanctuary.
 - i. Place empty cup on silver tray, and remain at original line-up position until the end of the Communion Rite
 - ii. Host Bearers proceed similarly.
 - d. The rest of the action remains as it has been.

IV. Scheduling and other Questions

1. In addition to the Priest, 7 Eucharistic Ministers are needed for Mass, but only 6 will be assigned since we have a Deacon.
 - a. Since the Deacon has an irregular schedule, an unscheduled replacement will be chosen from among those attending a particular Mass.

Note: In light of the above, it is helpful to always come to Mass dressed in a way in which you can be called upon to serve. Given the irregularity of Deacon Claude’s schedule, this is the best solution we could bring to this scheme.

2. What about the handicapped?
 - a. The Presiding Priest will walk to the center point of the Church, after he has completed ministering the Sacrament at his station to assess whether there are those who need to receive, but couldn’t come forward.