

Cathedral Communion Instructions for Parish EMHCs

Thank you for taking the time to serve as a liturgical minister during your parish's Confirmation Mass celebrated at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew. When you arrive, please meet the Cathedral coordinator at the back of the church. There will be a sign designating the place to meet. The coordinator will give you a name tag and will go over the following instructions.

Instructions

1. After the Sign of Peace, line up as shown on the chart. When you come up in line, please do not exchange the sign of peace.

- **Host** ministers, line up on the left (south) side of altar, the ambo side.
- **Chalice** (cup) ministers, line up on the right (north) side of altar, the cathedra (Bishop's chair) side.

2. Once the Bishop has finished receiving Communion (drinks the Precious Blood from his chalice) both host and chalice ministers enter the sanctuary and line up near the altar as shown on the chart. Someone will guide you.

3. The Bishop will distribute the host to all ministers, starting with the host ministers and proceeding down the line. The Deacon will follow with the Precious Blood.

4. The Bishop, MC, and Deacon will then hand out the ciboria and chalices. Stay in position until all have received their vessels.

5. Once all have received, the Bishop will go to stand in his position and all other ministers are to move into their assigned positions.

6. If you are stationed in the **South Transept** (the section of chairs on the left side of the chart): **H5** will first distribute to any of the handicapped in the designated area, then distribute to the rest of the faithful in the transept; once you are finished, take your ciborium to the large credence table. **C7**, when you are finished distributing, **wait** and watch the other chalices to replace a minister when his or her chalice becomes empty.

7. If you are stationed in the **North transept** (the section of chairs on the right side of the chart): The altar servers are the first to receive, then the rest of the faithful follow. **H6**, when you are finished distributing, take your ciborium to the large credence table. **C8**, when you are finished distributing, **wait** and watch the other chalices to replace a minister when his or her chalice becomes empty.

Note

- There are yellow stickers on the floor, where the host ministers are to stand, with the position written on it. Example: **H3**
- There are red stickers on the floor, where the chalice ministers are to stand, with the position written on it. Example: **C2**
- All even numbers are on the north side and all odd numbers are on the south side.

After Communion

- **Do not take your vessels back to the altar.**
- If you have hosts remaining, take the ciborium to the large credence table on the right, shown on the chart.
- If you have Precious Blood remaining, take your chalice past the large credence table area, into the sacristy hallway. and distribute its contents to another EMHC or sacristan. **Do not consume the contents yourself.** If no one else is available to consume the Precious Blood, cover the chalice with your purificator and leave the chalice on the credence table for the sacristan to attend to. Once finished, you may go back to your seat.

Important

Unfortunately, you will not know what position you have been assigned until you arrive. This is because Priests and Deacons sometimes arrive unexpectedly. Please be aware that, if this does happen, you may be asked to step aside to let all clerics serve. Priests and Deacons are **Ordinary** Ministers of Holy Communion while we, the lay faithful, are **Extraordinary** Ministers of Holy Communion.

Thank you again for your help in ensuring a well-organized and reverent celebration for your parish.