


Ministers of the Eucharistic Basics:

A. Dress – Business Casual

B. Check-in with the Sacristan, mark off your name on the Minister's List and grab a Minister of Holy Communion Cross.

1. When the cantor begins to sing the 'Lamb of God', that is your cue to go behind the wall.
2. Sanitize your hands, please stay behind the wall until you finished rubbing your hands. Once done, move to the bottom of the steps of the sanctuary. This will avoid congestion in the back area.
3. Once Father drinks the wine **and** puts the chalice **down**, proceed behind him.
4. Once Father puts down the wine, he will offer each of you a host.
5. Then, Father will give you either a bowl or a chalice with a purificator (small cloth).
6. If you receive a bowl: 
 - a. Proceed to your position at the bottom of the steps.
 - b. As each person approaches, take a host and say, 'The Body of Christ'. They should reply 'Amen'. Then place the host in the person's hand. Repeat until the last person in your line. Understand, there are a few folks that receive the host on their tongue. They usually will have their hands folded and after saying 'Amen' stick out their tongue to receive the host.
 - c. Persons NOT receiving Communion:
 - Do not touch the person.
 - Look at them and say, 'Receive Christ in your heart'.
 - d. If you are on the side of the altar and finish early, check to see if the center aisle needs help. If so, please proceed to the end of the first pew to offer communion.
 - e. Once you are finished, place the bowl on the altar, then proceed to your seat. You do not need to bow to the altar.

- **Note:** Behind Father, if you are the person closest to the Baptismal Font, after receiving your bowl, proceed to the tabernacle. There is a smaller chalice with the gluten free hosts. Usually, Father will place it in front of the tabernacle, if not, open the tabernacle and take the smaller chalice. The gluten free hosts are white. Stand outside the tabernacle area for folks to receive the gluten free host. Usually there are 2-4 people. Just wait for a couple of minutes. Then put the chalice on the table and pick up your bowl of regular host. See if anyone needs communion that are not able to go to the altar. The Sacristan or Ushers should let you who these people are. Once this is completed, check to see if assistance is needed by the Baptismal font. If not, place the bowl on the altar and return to your seat. **We have more detail instructions on how to do the gluten free. Just ask and we will send it to you.**

7. If you receive a Chalice and Purificator:



- a. You may drink the wine yourself, but do **not** offer it to another minister behind Father. There is not enough room.
- b. Proceed to your position at the bottom of the steps.
- c. As each person approaches, hold the cup and say, 'The **Blood of Christ**'. They should reply '**Amen**'. Then offer them the cup. Once you receive the cup back, wipe the area the person just drank from with the purificator and give the cup a quarter turn before you offer it to the next person.
- d. Once you are finished, go to the small table near the servers, not the altar. If wine remains, you may drink it or not, the Sacristan or Father will drink it. Place both the chalice and purificator on that small table, **please do not place the purificator in the chalice**. Proceed to your seat. You do not need to bow.