

# Eucharistic Ministers: Key Reminders

## **Before Mass:**

- check in with others EMs at **least 5 minutes before Mass**
- dress as though you might have to serve

## **Set-up:**

- check to find out who will preside--equipment set-up chart located in sacristy
- check the tabernacle for number of consecrated Hosts
- unconsecrated bread and wine are located in vesting area

## **During Mass:**

- make additions/subtractions to supplies during offertory
- after the handshake of peace, proceed to bottom of steps
- wait for the Presider to receive both Body and Blood before going up to stand near the altar
- EMHCs with chalices: make sure that the altar-servers have received before going to posts

## **When offering:**

- establish eye contact; say "Body/Blood of Christ"
- for Blood--wipe and turn chalice for next recipient
- if distributing the Body of Christ, and the Presider goes to tabernacle for additional Hosts, offer the Body of Christ to **both** lines until he returns
- for the 10am Mass: if distributing the Blood, and other side runs out, move to that side (provided there is another EM distributing the Blood on your side)

## **When finished:**

- proceed to the credence table; place your chalice on table
- although EMs may consume the remaining Blood left in their chalices, **only** the Presider or Deacon may "purify" the cups—that is, pour water into the chalices and wipe them dry.
- wait until any leftover Hosts have been placed in the tabernacle and its door is closed before leaving altar
- when reaching bottom of steps, EMs bow as a group and return to their seats

## **After Mass:**

- after the recessional song, return to the altar.
- wash and dry all equipment; return tabernacle key to drawer if this is the last Mass for the day; otherwise, put the tabernacle key at the tabernacle so it is available for the next Mass.
- check to see who will be presiding over next Mass and set up equipment for next liturgy
- **but** allow next team of EMs to pour wine and set up hosts. The very large wine decanter is **NOT** used.