

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS



DESCRIPTION/OVERVIEW:

Those who serve the Church as Ministers of Holy Communion take their place in a long line of disciples who enjoyed the company of Jesus, listened to his word, pondered his commands, cared for his people, and did what he asked.

ACTIVITIES:

The function of the Eucharistic minister is to assist in the distribution of Holy Communion. Eucharistic Ministers are at the center of the Church's life. The celebration of the Eucharist on the Lord's Day is our most important activity.

EXPECTATIONS:

- a genuine love for the Eucharist and the faith community
- able to carry out their responsibilities at Mass
- attend occasional training/workshops/retreats

Witness Statement 1:

“About 40 years ago, when lay people were beginning to assume new opportunities and responsibilities in the church, our parish priest approached my husband and me and asked us to be prayerful about becoming Eucharistic Ministers. After agonizing and praying for some time, I declined to accept the opportunity. I struggled with anyone, other than a priest, sharing the Eucharistic with the faithful! My husband accepted the call but I declined!

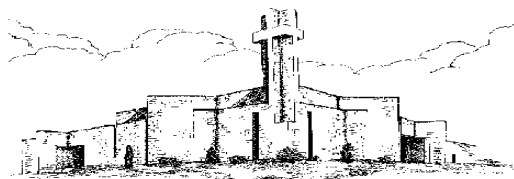
Many years later as a parishioner of Our Lady of Mercy, once again the opportunity was presented to me. I had grown spiritually in my faith journey and readily understood and accepted the role of lay people as Eucharistic Ministers. The personal turmoil that I felt years prior was no longer present. Realizing that God was calling me once again...I felt humbled, joyful, and willing to accept the call to share my values with my faith community! My experience has been positive and rewarding, personally, as I offer the “Body and Blood of Christ” to others who embrace the same Catholic, Christian Beliefs!”

Lorraine Bucklin

Witness Statement 2:

“To me, being a Eucharistic Minister is the most humbling ministry a lay person can hold. The Eucharist unites the assembly to form the Mystical Body of Christ and as a Eucharistic Minister we are key to the mystery that takes place at the table. I have been a Eucharistic Minister for almost 20 years and I cherish every opportunity I receive to unite the congregation into the one body that we call Church.”

Paul Barko



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