

the vesture of the minister and the manner of carrying the Eucharist should be appropriate.

EMHC who are taking communion to the sick, homebound or to those in hospitals are to present the host in a prayerful manner. They are not to make judgments regarding the suitability of the person to receive the Holy Communion; such concerns are to be referred to the pastor.

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Church ministry is service to others. It is reaching out in care, concern and love to others. It is taking the time and the inconvenience to make ourselves present and available to others. Our call as disciples of Jesus is to serve the way Jesus served. To be in ministry is to become partners in God's work in the world.
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Parish Pictur

If you are interested in becoming a Minister of Holy Communion, please, fill out the following:

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Name

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Telephone number

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E-mail

Have you received the Sacraments of Initiation?

Baptism: yes ; no

Confirmation: yes ; no

Eucharist: yes ; no

Are you married? yes ; no
In the Catholic Church?
yes ; no

Are you registered as parishioner at? yes ; no

Are you willing to be trained and abide by the rules as Eucharistic Minister? yes ; no

What Mass schedule do you prefer to serve?

First choice

Second choice

Parish Name
Location



**EXTRAORDINARY
EUCHARISTIC
MINISTERS**

WHO IS AN EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION?

The function of the Extraordinary Minister for the distribution of Holy Communion (EMHC) is to distribute Holy Communion, either within Mass or by taking it to a sick person, when an ordained minister (bishop, priest or deacon) is absent or impeded.

The EMHC may be male or female.



SELECTION CRITERIA

The bishop is the chief liturgist of his diocese, For this reason, the Archbishop of Santa Fe regulates this ministry in collaboration with the pastors of the parishes of the Archdiocese

In order for a person to be appointed as an EMHC, the following conditions must be met:

- Be a Catholic living in harmony with the teachings of the Church and be able to receive the Eucharist.
- Be of sufficient age and maturity to perform the duties of an EMHC at Mass or to the sick and homebound.
- Be chosen and appointed by the pastor for the parish entrusted to him.

REVERENCE AND ATTIRE

EMHC show utmost reverence for the Eucharist. This reverence is reflected in their demeanor at Mass (full and active participation in the Liturgy), their attire, and the manner in which they handle the Eucharist.

A neat and reverential appearance is in keeping with the minister's role and belief in the presence of Christ in the Eucharist. The minister's attire should be appropriate and should not detract from that role.

EMHC should refrain from using strong cologne, perfume or aftershave because some recipients of Holy Communion have sensitivities to these scents and because these fragrances often remain on one's hands and can be transferred to the Eucharist.

In the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, EMHCs do not wear albs or any other special liturgical garb.



MINISTRY TO SICK AND HOMEBOUND

In bringing communion to the sick and homebound, the EMHC represents Christ and manifests faith and charity on behalf of the whole community toward those who cannot be present at Sunday Mass.

The EMHC becomes a vital link between the parish community and the member who is sick or homebound. Taking a parish bulletin also helps maintain that link. The parish may also have a special blessing and dismissal for EMHCs after Communion; the assembly is sending them forth to do their ministry on the behalf of the whole parish community.

EMHC should maintain contact with the pastor and inform him if the person is in need of sacramental anointing, the sacrament of reconciliation, or a pastoral visit. If EMHCs observe a particular physical or social need of a homebound person, they should bring this need to the attention of the pastor so that the parish may respond appropriately.

The Eucharist for Communion outside of church is to be carried in a pyx or other covered vessel;