

Instructions for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

At the time of communion (during the Sign of Peace) the EMs move to form a line at the north wall on Mary's side of the sanctuary, as shown here. Line up (approximately) in reverse order with #1 and #2 up front. Those who are to minister the Precious Blood will be given a Purificator at this time.

After the Priest receives the Body of Christ, the EMs #1 and #2 come to the ambo side of the altar to receive communion from the Priest. If a deacon is present he takes the place of the EM#1 (Cup). The priest hands EM#1 the cup and EM#2 the ciborium and they move to positions to communicate the other EMs and the servers.

After the last server has received communion, EMs #1 and #2 switch places to minister to the congregation. Each EM, #3 - 16, after receiving the precious blood, will proceed to the priest and receive from him either a Cup (if they have a Purificator) or a Ciborium. Please do not take a Cup or a Ciborium from the Altar. Let Father hand it to you. The location of the communion stations is shown in the drawing.

Following communion, the ciboria are returned to the priest at the altar in the same location where they were received. Please wait until the priest returns to the Altar and hand the ciborium to him. The ciboria that are empty can be taken to the working sacristy. The cups are taken to the working sacristy and the remaining Precious Blood is consumed.

