

DIOCESE OF CHARLOTTETOWN
Extraordinary Minister of Communion

Overview

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion serve the Eucharistic life of the community. They assist the celebrant and other Ministers during liturgy in sharing the Eucharistic body and blood of Christ. They are commissioned during Mass by the Pastor or his delegate.

Activities/Responsibilities

- Assist the Ordinary Ministers of Communion share the Eucharist at Mass.
- May assist with the division of the sacrament among the extra cups and plates needed for the Communion Rite as well as reserving what remains in the Tabernacle and cleansing the vessels after the Rite.
- Attempts to make eye contact by holding the host or cup at a level that allows the Minister to look above or around it, saying only “The body (blood) of Christ.”
- For those wishing to receive only a blessing, this is done by laying a hand on their head or signing them with the Sign of the Cross and saying “May God bless you.”
- Is faithful to the schedule; arrives on time for the Liturgy- responsible for a replacement if unable to serve.
- Participates in rehearsals of ceremonial procedures in the parish community.

Skills, Experience, and Personal Qualities

- Is a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church and in full communion.
- Is recognized within parish community as a person of good reputation, has a love for the Eucharist and participates fully as a member of the liturgical assembly.
- Willing to participate in a training process at the parish.
- Desires to serve the community and to commit time and talents to this ministry.
- Is committed to prayer, gospel values and growth in personal holiness.
- Understands the sacredness of the Eucharistic encounter and ministers with reverence.
- Maintains confidentiality appropriate to this ministry.

Screening Recommendations

This is a **General risk** position needing completion of a Volunteer Information Form.

This ministry position description generally reflects the Ministry of Extraordinary Minister of Communion currently practised at _____ Parish.

Parish Volunteer Screening Committee

Pastor

Date