

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
Eucharistic Minister Guidelines
4/01/09

1. Eucharistic Ministers will be scheduled for a month at a time. Ministers will get a substitute, if needed.
2. Eucharistic Ministers are requested to be in Church ten minutes before Mass begins.
3. At the Sign of Peace Eucharistic Ministers come forward and stand in a line on the tabernacle side of the altar. There is no need to bow or genuflect upon entering the sanctuary. One minister goes to the tabernacle, opens the tabernacle door, genuflects, carries the ciborium to the altar and then joins the other Eucharistic Ministers.
4. After the presider has received Eucharist, he will distribute the Body of Christ to the Eucharistic Ministers. The chalice (cup) will be given to the Eucharistic Minister on the end (*the person who brought the ciborium to the altar*). After drinking from the chalice, the Eucharistic Minister then hands the chalice to each of the remaining Eucharistic Ministers. After all have received the Precious Blood, the Eucharistic Minister takes the chalice to the altar and places it on the corporal. The presider hands the cups and host dish to the Eucharistic Ministers and all move to their communion stations.
5. When ministering the Body and Blood of Christ, allow time for the individual to bow; make eye contact with the person receiving and say: “Body of Christ”
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6. After distributing from the cup, walk to the credence table, place the cup on top and return to your place. If there is Precious Blood left in the cup, consume the contents if you are able. If you are unable to consume the Precious Blood, place the cup on the table and someone else will consume it. If the cup is empty before the distribution of communion is finished, take the cup to the credence table and return to your pew. Place the purificator on the table - **DO NOT** place the purificator in the cup.
7. Place the host dish on the corporal and stand near the altar. Father will put the hosts in the ciborium and hand the ciborium to the person who brought it to the altar. The ciborium person goes directly to the tabernacle with the ciborium, places the ciborium in the tabernacle, genuflects and returns to his/her place in church.
8. Father will purify the vessels at the credence table.
9. After Mass, the Eucharistic Ministers will return to the sanctuary, remove the vessels from the credence table, take them to the sacristy and cleanse the vessels with soap and water. Watch that the wood on Father’s chalice and paten does not get wet.