

Eucharistic Minister Updates

Entrance Procession:

Same: Process in following the Altar Servers. Line up in front of the altar, bow with Father, then go to your seat (the lector will go directly up to the altar, without bowing, with the Book of Gospels).

***(Note):** If there is a baptism, Father will do a blessing and ask the parents what they wish for their child (Baptism) *prior the Entrance Procession in the church hall*. So, be aware that this event that takes place **prior** to the bell ringing and choir singing. EM's and Alter Servers should turn and watch this blessing.

Communion:

Same: At the Sign of Peace, meet with other EM's in front of the altar, bow together and approach.

New: At the 10:30 mass, the host minister stands "even" with Father Martin, not at the corner of the first pew.

Same: Cup ministers in their usual spot on the end (leave ample space between you and the host minister so as not to delay the communion line).

New: The choir will leave their section and come forward for communion first.

Same: Father and the 2nd host minister give communion to the front rows on both sides if there is a need. Cup ministers follow behind.

New: When approached by a person with arms crossed across their chest, bow you head slightly and say "God Bless you". Do not make the sign of the cross on their forehead or place your hand on their shoulder.

New: When the line is done, drink anything remaining in the cup, offer it to another EM if you need help. Father does not want to consume any considerable amount of precious blood left in the cups as he has another mass following.

New: Host minister...after returning unconsumed Hosts to the altar, go directly to your seat without bowing . No need to wait for the cup EM's.

New: Cup ministers...after consuming remaining Precious Blood, bring vessels to the altar and place them on the corporal for Father to purify, then return to your seats without bowing.

***Note... New:** 10:30 mass needs only 3 volunteers...1 Host minister and 2 Cup ministers.

Recessional:

Same: Host EM and Lector come forward at the end. Stand behind and toward the side of Father (not directly behind him) bow with Father and go out behind the Altar Servers and in front of Father. Take care of the \$\$ offering in the Sacristy.

***(Note on bowing):** The purpose of the bow coming forward to assist with communion is asking permission to enter the Presbyterium (raised area at front of church). There is no need to bow when returning to your seats because you now contain Christ within you.

***(Note on persons not receiving communion):** Only a priest may actually bless someone. What you are doing when you bow your head and say “God Bless you” is asking God to bless this person, not actually blessing them. When you make the sign of the cross on their forehead or place your hand on their shoulder, the perception of many people is that of “laying on of the hands” and that they are actually receiving a blessing...so avoid the appearance of doing so.