

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Procedure

... an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion is a lay person or religious who has been deputed by the bishop for a period of time, or by a priest or deacon for a single occasion, to assist the priest and deacon in distributing Holy Communion to the faithful on those occasions where a shortage of ordained clergy makes it impossible for them to distribute Holy Communion to all the faithful in a reasonable way. It is thus a privilege to which the Church invites certain individuals under given circumstances, and not a right. *Archdiocese of Atlanta EOM Training Manual*

We thank all of you who have served faithfully over the years for your continued service as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. We invite any parishioner in good standing who is over the age of 21 and has received the sacrament of Holy Communion to serve as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist. We are instituting changes to the process after Communion has been distributed. The purpose of these changes is to reduce congestion at the credence table after Communion.

Ministers of the Cup

In the past, as the ministers of the cup completed distributing the Precious Blood, they would proceed to the credence table, consume any remaining Precious Blood and place the cup on the credence table

Beginning the weekend of May 27 – 28, the ministers of the cup, upon completion of distributing the Precious Blood will proceed from their station directly to the sacristy, consume any remaining Precious Blood and place the empty cup in the sacrarium. Place the used purificators in the basket off to the side. Do not place the purificator inside the cups. The sacrarium is the sink in the sacristy with the cover. Do not rinse or put water in the vessels. The Deacon or Father will purify the vessels after Mass. After placing the cups in the sacrarium, proceed directly to your seat.

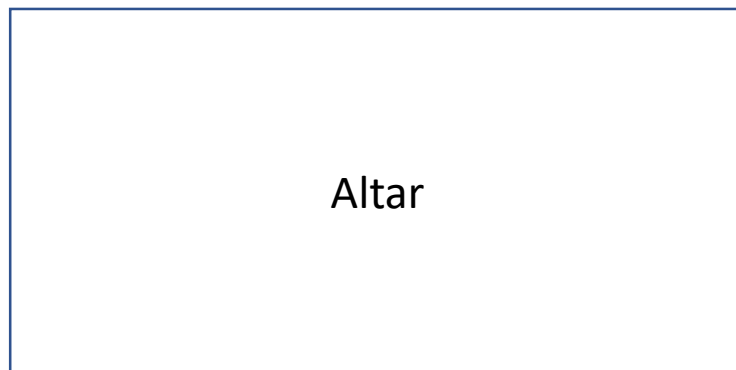
Minister of the Host

In the past, the Ministers of the Host would place the ciborium with the remaining consecrated hosts on the altar and go to the credence table to purify their fingers. The Deacon or Father would then consolidate the hosts into a single ciborium and return the ciborium to the tabernacle. The empty ciboria, containing fragments and particles of the Precious Body were covered and returned the credence table.

Beginning the weekend of May 27 – 28, upon completion of distribution of the hosts, the Ministers of the Host will continue to return the remaining consecrated hosts to the altar. When there are more than one Extraordinary Minister of the Host (usually when distributing to the choir) the additional minister will place the dish used as the ciborium on the altar and proceed directly to the sacristy to purify their fingers. The remaining Minister of the Host will place the ciborium on the altar, wait at the side of the altar for the Deacon or Fr Mario to consolidate the hosts into a single ciborium and return the Blessed Sacrament to the tabernacle. When the Blessed Sacrament has been returned to the tabernacle, the Deacon or Fr Mario will cover the empty ciboria and hand them to the Minister of the Host who remained at the side of the altar. The Minister of the Host will then proceed to the sacristy, place the empty ciboria on the sacrarium counter and purify their fingers. A lavabo and towel will be provided for the Ministers of the Host to purify their fingers. Do not rinse or put water in the ciboria, The Deacon or Father will purify the vessels after Mass. After placing the empty ciboria in the sacristy, proceed directly to your seat.

Credence Table

EOM Cup



Altar

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