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EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
REMINDER OF PROPER PROCEDURES

- For those assisting at weekend Masses, I again emphasize, please be faithful to your assigned dates and times.
- Please remember to dress appropriately – if extra ministers are called for at Mass and you are not dressed appropriately, please refrain from assisting.
- If receiving from the chalice, the minister should first consume a sip of the Precious Blood before turning to offer it to the next minister.
- When ministers of the chalice have finished distributing the Precious Blood, they are to consume the remaining amount and return to the credence table; if unable to, ask another minister for assistance.
- Empty chalices are placed on the credence table, and the purificators are placed over the chalices, not folded or stuffed inside of them.

For those bringing Holy Communion to the homebound:

- Ministers should use the greatest care when handling the Blessed Sacrament. A pyx must be used to transport Holy Communion and should never be placed in one's handbag or pocket; ministers should acquire and use a pouch for around the neck to maintain the integrity of the Sacred Species. For further information or assistance, please speak with Fr. Greg.
- Ministers should obtain the Eucharist at the end of the Communion Rite and leave directly from Mass to the person to be visited.
- Ministers may not go to the tabernacle themselves. Between Masses, come to the sacristy and wait for the priest or deacon (not the sacristan) to give you Holy Communion.
- If outside the Mass, for example, if your visit is during the week, go to our Outreach Office for assistance.
- It is completely *inappropriate* to take the host before Mass, or to engage in other activities or errands on the way to your visit while carrying the Eucharist.