

**Liturgical Ministers' Meeting**  
**June 15, 2010**  
**Notes for Eucharistic Ministers**

Four Things to be Alert to (for all Liturgical Ministers) from Father Joe:

1. Be There!
    - Put your schedule in your calendar.
    - Be responsible for your assignment.
  2. Your Demeanor
    - Do you look happy with your ministry?
    - You say something with your body and your look.
    - Be careful with your demeanor.
  3. How Are You Dressed?
    - The way you dress says something about how you feel about your ministry.
    - Men - wear good slacks, a sport shirt, or a shirt and tie, jacket.
    - Women - wear a nice dress or a pantsuit.
  4. The Big Picture
    - The Sunday Eucharist is the primary gathering of the Church.
    - Have a sense of the big picture in order to have a feel for your place in it.
    - The way you do your individual ministry says a lot about the Church.
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Notes from Father Joe specifically for Eucharistic Ministers:

- As soon as the Lamb of God begins, move into the Sanctuary.
- If Father goes out to attend to those who can't come to the altar, everyone except those Ministers in the center, should proceed to their positions and begin distribution of the Eucharist.
- All wine should be consumed. You will not get a "buzz" from it. No Blood of Christ should be left on the table. If, for medical reasons, you cannot consume it, ask another Minister to do so for you.
- When finished, put the cloths to the side of the cups, not on top of them.
- Do not gather at the table. When you are done, proceed to your seats right away.
  
- For those that bring Eucharist to the homebound:
  - As much as possible, this should happen from Mass instead of from the Tabernacle.
  - Remember to bring a Bulletin.
  - If someone requests the Anointing of the Sick, never refer to this Sacrament as "Last Rites".
  - Don't wait to suggest Anointing of the Sick until the person is too ill to participate in the Sacrament. Look for people to receive it while they are conscious and their family and/or you can be there for it.
  - It is important to pray with the person you are with. Ask them what they would like to pray for that day. This can be a great sharing and allows them to express their faith.

Notes for Eucharistic Ministers from the Questions and Answers:

- Once you arrive at the altar during the Lamb of God, try to stand on the side where your position is.
- You can put your cross on at the Lamb of God, or wear it during Mass.
- Be alert for the Deacon's needs after Distribution.
- If you bring the reserved Eucharist to the altar (Host 2), unstack the Ciborium.
- It is OK to break the Eucharist if you are running low, or you can get some from a nearby Minister who may have extra.
- If you are on as a Eucharistic Minister, please also be a Greeter.
- When giving the Cup, please make sure to turn the Cup, and when using the cloth to wipe, use the whole cloth, not just one spot on it for cleaning the rim.
- If you see someone walking away with a Host and not consuming it, gently tap them on the shoulder and request that they consume it.
- Make eye contact with the person as you offer the Eucharist.
- Please check in on the list before Mass starts. It will now be posted on the wall outside the Sacristy.
- You are responsible for replacing yourself if you cannot show up.
- You can subscribe on the Church website to be notified by email when the new schedule is posted.
- The folks that bring the Eucharist to the Lutheran home need additional assistance. Please volunteer.