

Updated Instructions for EMHCs

- 10 minutes prior to Mass, the EMHCs should meet in the Narthex to pray (whether or not there is a priest).
- The Main Bread should ensure that s/he brings the Eucharist from the tabernacle before the presider begins the Lamb of God.
- Assemble behind the altar starting next to the presider's chair toward the ambo. Stand as far back as possible.
 - The Main Cup minister will step forward to receive after the presider has received.
- Do not extend the sign of peace to other ministers when behind the altar.
- As each EMHC receives the Eucharist, please bow.
- After receiving a ciborium or chalice, the EMHC should wait until the presider moves to his station before leaving the altar.
- Ministers should normally stand on the lowest step in order to leave more room for communicants to walk. Taller EMHCs may stand on the floor.
- The bread minister who stands next to the presider (near the choir) should stand near the corner of the steps, close to the presider.
- The EMHCs who minister near the St. Anne room should return to the front of the altar. The Bread on the step, cup near the pew
- After returning ciboria and chalices to the credence table, used purificators should not be placed on top of the chalice, but folded and inserted next to the cups. Ciboria without covers should not be stacked.
- When using the Presider's chalice and after communicating the Precious Blood to all EMHCs, the Main Cup minister should normally consume the remaining Blood in the Presider's chalice.
- Extra purificators are available under the credence table in the event of a spill
- If a host is dropped and cannot be consumed, the Mass Captain will provide a container of water for it. It will be placed in the Sacristy refrigerator