

# Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Reminder

*Beginning the first week of Advent (November 28, 2015) the following changes are effective:*

## Rite of Sending for Communion to the Homebound

- † Before Mass begins, each Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC) places his or her pyx with an appropriate number of unconsecrated hosts on the altar (or on the tray provided for this purpose.)
- † The pyx(es) are left on the altar during the distribution of Communion and remain there until the Eucharist is reposed in the Tabernacle. If a side table has been provided, the celebrant will move the tray with the pyx(es) containing the consecrated hosts onto it.
- † When Communion has been completed, the celebrant addresses the assembly in these or similar words:
  - “Will the Extraordinary Minister(s) of Holy Communion who will take the Eucharist to those unable to join us please come forward.”
- † The EMHC(s) approach the altar and take their pyx. They stand in front of the altar, facing the celebrant.
- † Then, using these or similar words, the celebrant addresses the EMHC(s):
  - “As you go, take with you not only the Sacrament we have celebrated, but also the Word of God which we have heard. Please assure the sick, the lonely and the afflicted that you visit of the prayers of this parish community. Go in peace.”
- + The EMHC(s) may return to their pew and leave with the rest of the congregation or leave immediately after the rite of dismissal.

## Additional Communion station

- † An additional station will be used at each of the masses
  - A total of 6 stations (including priest and deacon) for 5:30, 6:45 and 12:30 masses
  - A total of 9 stations (including priest and deacon) for 4:00, 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 masses
- † The additional station will be at the head of the main aisle
- † All other stations will remain the same
- † When there are 9 stations
  - First 2 breads go to the back
  - First cup goes to the back
    - After offering the cup to people in the first row, proceed to the 2<sup>nd</sup> pew from the back (towards the altar)
    - **It is important to leave space behind the bread stations in the event there are several people waiting to receive the Precious Blood**