

Eucharistic Minister Training for St. Pius

Important Vocabulary to Know

- Host
- Paten/bowl/ciborium
- Chalice/cup
- Purificator
- Intinction
- Credence Table
- Sacristy
- Ambo/Altar

Instructions

- How to distribute the Body of Christ
 - Proper words to say: “The Body of Christ”
 - Giving Communion on the tongue
 - Please be somewhat vigilant with people consuming the host
 - ALWAYS be gentle in correction or questioning
 - What to do if a host is dropped
 - If a deacon is present, he will always be a distributor; adjust accordingly
- How to distribute the Blood of Christ
 - Proper words to say: “The Blood of Christ”
 - Explanation of how to wipe the rim of the chalice
 - Holding firmly onto cup and ensuring it is held firmly by communicant
 - How to respond to intinction - short answer, *it isn't allowed*
 - What to do if wine is spilled
- Proper way to approach & stand on altar
 - Come forward during the “Lamb of God”
 - Bow before the altar and then make way up ramp
 - Use hand sanitizer and put on necklace
 - Stand with host distributor closest to ambo, cups closest to tabernacle
 - After receiving the host, the presider or deacon will bring both chalices/cups and give them to the cup distributors, who in turn will distribute to the host distributor or the servers, based on where they are standing.
 - Proceed to your spot.

- Purifying vessels
 - After Communion is done, return any hosts to the altar
 - Host distributor or deacon returns ciborium to tabernacle once all hosts are returned
 - Bring chalices/cups to the credence table, consuming any remaining Blood.
 - Pour water into each vessel, swishing around a bit, and then pouring the water from the paten/bowl into one of the chalices for consumption
 - In chalices/cups, swish water around, trying to get any remaining drops of Precious Blood on the sides.
 - Consume all remaining water and then wipe each vessel with a purificator. Putting the purificator into the chalice is a good way to show that it has been purified.
 - Return necklaces and then return to seats.