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EM NEWS

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION QUARTERLY

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“The fruit of **silence** is prayer,
the fruit of **prayer** is **faith**,
the fruit of **faith** is **love**,
the fruit of **love** is **service**,
the fruit of **service** is **peace**.”

~Mother Theresa

We could all us a little peace, right now, don't you think?

Thank you!

We've come a long way since the move to the new church almost a year ago. The Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Leadership Team, along with our friars and staff, offer our heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you who have contributed to making each of our liturgies a special experience for our community. We appreciate your input, your thoughtful discussions and your patience along this journey.

We love how enthusiastic all of our EM's are about serving. We know what sacrifice you make to arrive early for Mass. It's heart-warming that so many of you come to offer to substitute on days you're not scheduled, which creates an environment of generosity. We thank you for this.

Thank you also for spreading the word about the fruits of this ministry. Thank you for inviting others to join. We know that as our ministry grows, so does our impact on the greater community. Our mission can reach further. As of today we now have 260 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion!



MINISTRY REMINDERS

As we approach our first year anniversary in the new church, we'd like offer a few friendly reminders to assist those who might still be unclear about some of our policies and procedures:

- After you have received your bowl, there is no need to delay distribution to the community. Wait long enough for your cup minister to join you. Please don't wait for the presider.
- Elevation of the host is an action reserved for the presider. We ask that EM's not elevate the host.
- If a communicant comes forward with their arms crossed, indicating that they will not be receiving communion but would like to have a blessing, place your hand on their upper arm or shoulder and say, "Christ's blessing on you." Please do not place your hand on the their head, whether they a child or an adult. Also, EM's should not make the sign of the cross as part of the blessing.
- Please refrain from addressing people by name when giving them communion.
- If your bowl is near empty (i.e. 5-6 hosts), simply turn your head to make eye contact with the Sacristan. Please don't break or transfer hosts from another bowl. Our Sacristans are trained to look for your visual cues and will bring you another bowl.
- When your cup is empty, please return it to the credence table. The sacristans will not refill or replace empty cups.
- In deference to people's allergies, if you're scheduled to serve, please remember to make that day fragrance-free. This applies to perfume and cologne.
- We're grateful that so many are responding to requests for subs via Ministry Scheduler Pro. In fairness to all, please allow others a chance to fill sub requests. You can always check back closer to the Mass date to see if there are open spots. Sorry we can't give out Frequent Flyer points!
- We think MSP is working great. Thank you for using the system to both request and to fill sub requests. Using the system helps us tremendously.
- A gentle reminder to dress appropriately for the holy role you are assuming as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Our attire should express the respect and reverence we all hold for the sacred mysteries that we are celebrating.
- Be sure to talk to or email your Mass Representative if you have any issues or concerns.



IMPORTANT DATES

In order to complete the next schedule, Rosa would like all ministers to enter their away dates in their MSP profile by September 28th.

If you have any issues with Ministry Scheduler Pro, please do not hesitate to reach out to Rosa in the Liturgy Office.

It's time again to renew your Safe Environment certification. Please have this done by September 28. Feel free to email your certificate of completion to Rosa.

We would like to create a photo directory to keep in the Working Sacristy. Your EMC's or Mass Reps may ask to take a quick photo of you when you arrive to serve. Let's see those pearly whites!

EMC Pizza, Wine and Craft Beer Gathering
We'd like all of our EMC's to spend some time getting to know your fellow EXTRAORDINARY Extraordinary Minister Coordinators and to help develop our ministry. September 27th, from 6 - 8pm, we'd like you to join us in Garces. Please RSVP to Gwendolyn Schran. More details will follow.

EM's - please keep an eye out for an upcoming picnic event just for you!