



COMMUNION MINISTER

A Communion Minister is a lay person who is trained to assist the priest in distributing the Sacred Species of the Eucharist to those who are gathered at the Celebration of the Mass. This is a ministry that carries with it a reverence and respect for the Body and Blood of Christ. During the Mass, you will see the Communion Ministers gathering behind the altar. The priest brings the plate or cup containing one of the Sacred Species to each of the Communion Ministers, who in turn bring it to those present who come to receive.

To become a Communion Minister, you must first be trained. Any Catholic, who is baptized and confirmed, and has a desire to serve as a Communion Minister, may request to be trained by contacting Deacon Mike Germain at 246-5303.

When you go through training with Deacon Mike, you do more than learn the technicalities of what you will do as a Communion Minister. One of the first questions that Deacon Mike asks is why you desire to be a Communion Minister. This question is asked to bring out the understanding of why you desire to serve in this particular ministry. Next you may hear a short background history of how Communion Ministers came to be used in assisting priests with Communion distribution, which is important in understanding what your role is as a Communion Minister.

Although there is no specific schedule of training set up, please feel free to contact Deacon Mike at any time if you desire to serve others through this ministry.