

Eucharistic Minister

Description

As defined by Canons: A Eucharistic Minister is a lay person authorized to administer the Consecrated Elements at a Celebration of Holy Eucharist. A Eucharistic Minister should normally act under the direction of a Deacon, if any, or otherwise, the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight of the congregation or other community of faith.

Knowledge Base

- A clear understanding of the Episcopal approach to the sacrament of Holy Eucharist
- Familiarity of the role of the Eucharistic minister in the liturgy and how it differs from the role of the clergy
- Familiarity with the Eucharistic liturgy, including the words and mechanics of the service, and the variety of rites and prayer options
- Familiarity with methods of intinction

Competencies

- Administer the consecrated elements appropriately and methods of Intinction
- Demonstrates an awareness and sensitivity to people with special needs, such as elderly, those with disabilities, and children
- Deal with unexpected occurrences related to administering the sacraments

Formation

Eucharistic minister training occurs at the parish level under the direction of a member of the clergy exercising oversight of the congregation.

Duration of License & Renewal

A Eucharistic Minister will be licensed for up to 3 years at a time. Before or immediately after 3 years have passed, the licensed lay Eucharistic Minister should receive some refreshing of their training and assessment of their good standing. At this time, a member of the clergy with oversight and responsibility for this ministry can recommend that their license be renewed or that they pursue other ministries within the church and give room for others to practice this ministry.