

## NEW RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: December, 2015

A meeting for the Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors was held after Mass today. Below is a summary of what Father discussed.

### EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

1. Thank you for your service to God and to our Church. A Eucharistic Minister serves as a representative for the priest or deacon, and has a very important role to play in the liturgy. So a very special *“THANK YOU”!*
2. Be sure that you are current on your Safe Environment. Joan will check this week and e-mail you your status. Remember, your Safe Environment must be renewed annually.
3. Next weekend (both Saturday and Sunday Masses), Father will have Installation of Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors. After the homily, he will ask all of you to come to the front around the altar and he will perform the installation. If you will not be at Mass at St. Josephs’ next weekend, please notify Father or the office so that it can be scheduled at another time.
4. Remember to be **respectful** and **reverent** while serving. There should be no talking or communicating while you are serving as Eucharistic Minister. All training should be done beforehand, and corrections made afterwards. Hold the chalice or the ciborium with two hands — giving it our full attention and with respect; after all, it does hold the Body or Blood of Christ. The chalice should be wiped around the rim with the cloth immediately after each person is given the Blood of Christ.
5. It is recommended that the Eucharistic Ministers be professionally dressed on the days that they are serving. This includes **NO** jeans, spaghetti strap blouses, no tennis shoes or sneakers, and no sloppy clothing.
6. Do not take the pyx up at Communion and do not fill a pyx at Communion. Tell them to see Father after Mass. The pyx should be taken directly to the homebound immediately after leaving Mass.
7. If someone comes up not wanting to receive communion but with their hands over their hearts, just raise your hand over his/her head and say “May God be in your heart.” Only the priest and deacon may “bless” anyone.
8. In the future, in order to serve as Eucharistic Minister:
  - \* You must have been installed by Father;
  - \* You must be current on your Safe Environment;
  - \* You must be dressed appropriately – conditions listed above. If you are scheduled but come dressed inappropriately, please ask someone to substitute for you.
9. Call the office (903) 886-7135 and leave a message if you have a question concerning these new guidelines or if you will not be available next weekend for Installation (or call Cary at 972-529-8226 or e-mail at caryroberts8226 @yahoo.com). You are welcome to call Father for training also.

## **NEW RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LECTORS: December, 2015**

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### **LECTORS:**

1. Thank you for your service to God and to our Church. A Lector serves as a representative for the priest or deacon, and has a very important role to play in the liturgy. So a very special *"THANK YOU"*!
2. Be sure that you are current on your Safe Environment. Joan will check this week and e-mail you your status. Remember, your Safe Environment must be renewed annually.
3. It is recommended that Lectors be professionally dressed on the days that they are serving. This includes **NO** jeans, spaghetti strap blouses, no tennis shoes or sneakers, and no sloppy clothing.
4. Lectors should go to the first step, bow towards the tabernacle, then proceed up to the ambo. After the reading, they should return to the same spot, turn around and bow towards the tabernacle again. Then turn and return to his/her seat.
5. Next weekend (both Saturday and Sunday Masses), Father will have Installation of Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors. After the homily, he will ask all of you to come to the front around the altar and he will perform the installation. If you will not be at Mass at St. Josephs' next weekend, please notify Father or the office so that it can be scheduled at another time.
6. In the future, in order to serve as a Lector:
  - \* You must have been installed by Father;
  - \* You must be current on your Safe Environment;
  - \* You must be dressed appropriately – conditions listed above. If you are scheduled to read but come dressed inappropriately, please ask someone to substitute for you.
7. Call the office (903) 886-7135 and leave a message if you have a question concerning these new guidelines or if you will not be available next weekend for Installation (or call Cary at 972-529-8226 or e-mail at [caryroberts8226@yahoo.com](mailto:caryroberts8226@yahoo.com)). You are welcome to call Father for training also.