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# DIRECTIVE ON THE PROCESS FOR MANDATING AND INSTALLING EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

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To: The clergy and pastoral team members in the Diocese of London

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Since my arrival to the Diocese of London, I have become aware of a number of different practices regarding the mandating and installation of extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. Many parishes do not request the mandating from my office, and still others do not perform the public rite of installation.

This issue was discussed at a recent meeting of the Council of Priests. It was agreed, at that time, that the term of mandate will be increased from two to five years for those who minister within the parish and hospitals. Those ministering within our Catholic schools will still be mandated for the school year only and must include evidence of support from the teacher=s or student=s pastor.

Prior to her leaving the diocese, I asked Christina Ronzio, to prepare an outline on the mandating process\*. *The process is attached for your information and is to be followed for all extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion in the diocese.*

On page four of the mandating process, there is reference to the new Rite of Installation which is to be found in *Celebrations of Installations and Recognition*. Bernardine Ketelaars would be willing to order the books allowing the parishes to receive them at a discounted rate of \$49.00. It must be understood, however, that arrangements are to be made for these books to be picked up as postage would be too costly.

The ministry of extraordinary minister of Holy Communion is one which requires reverence and prayerful disposition. As you consider future ministers, may you do so in the spirit of prayer and discernment.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Ronald P. Fabbro, C.S.B.  
Bishop of London

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\* The referenced document is to be found on the following pages.