

ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Mandate Request

TO: **Archbishop Joe S. Vásquez**

FROM: _____ (pastor/principal/director)

ORGANIZATION: _____

DATE: _____

RE: **Request - Mandate for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

In accordance with Canons 910.2, 230.3 and the archdiocesan guidelines concerning extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, I respectfully request your mandate permitting several parishioners to assist with the distribution of Holy Communion when there are insufficient ordinary ministers (GIRM, 162). I request this mandate for a period of three years. I have attached the names of the individuals for whom I request this mandate.

I attest that I know each of these persons to be: *(each of the following points must apply to each candidate)*

- at least 18 years of age or a senior in high school;
- fully initiated in the Church (baptized, confirmed, eucharist);
- persons of genuine Eucharistic faith, living exemplary Catholic lives;
- have sound psychological maturity;
- are not restricted from being extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion (e.g., irregular marriages, cohabiting couples, members of forbidden organizations (e.g. Free Masonry etc.), priests who have left active ministry (even if laicized), or notorious sinners).

Each of these individuals has received formation required for extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion (Canon 231.1):

- God's call to ministry
- ecclesial nature of the Eucharist
- Eucharist as sacrifice, memorial, and sacred banquet
- real presence of Christ in the Eucharistic elements (including the doctrine of concomitance)
- Eucharistic reverence
- the directives of the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* and the USCCB's *Norms for the Distribution and Reception of Holy Communion Under Both Kinds in the Dioceses of the United States of America*.

Upon receiving your mandate, these ministers will be commissioned for service:

Date ministers will be commissioned

Parish/School/Prison/Hospital/Institution

Street

_____ *City* _____ *Zip*

Pastor, Principal, or Director's signature

*Attach names with addresses
and send with this completed form to:*

Office of the Chancellor
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
1700 San Jacinto, Houston, Texas 77002-8291