

EMHC and Lector Reminders

1) Procession spacing The entrance of the altar servers, lector and presider(s) at the beginning of Mass should be as a group; about 1 yard between altar servers and lector; and 1 yard between lector and presider(s).

2) Readiness The flow of the Mass should never be slowed by lay ministers. Lectors should be at the ambo and ready to read intercessions immediately after the presider asks the Lord to hear petitions of the faithful (“Let us offer our needs to the God of compassion” or similar response.) EMHCs should be at the altar prior to the start of the “Lamb of God” prayer.

3) Communion for the immobile during Mass EMHCs offering the Blood of Christ, please remember to accompany the person offering the Body of Christ to those who remain in the pews to receive Communion. The Precious Blood should be available to be offered to such Communicants, although some will be unable or unwilling to receive.

4) Communion to be immediately consumed Occasionally a Host may be given to someone who does not know that the Host is to be immediately consumed. Normally it is the responsibility of one of the presiders distributing the Precious Body to remind someone to consume the Host or retrieve it. The presider is not always in a position to know or recognize that a Host has not been consumed. Often those lay ministers offering the Precious Blood are the first or only ones seeing a Host being carried away by an unknowing communicant. In that case, the EMHC should *gently and tactfully* remind the person that the Host must be immediately consumed or subsequently ask them for the Host which may be consumed by the EMHC or placed on the altar server’s Communion plate. The EMHC may have to follow the unknowing communicant to share this information with them.