

Eucharistic Minister Vesting and at the Eucharist

Vestments

- ❖ Be vested and in the Narthex (where the procession forms) 10 minutes before the service
- ❖ Use the last door on the right at the end of the hall to access the vesting rooms
- ❖ Generally, women vest in the room across from the hall door, and men vest in the room closest to the choir room; however tall women might find the long robes in the men's room
- ❖ Select an alb (robe) long enough to reach just above the ankles
- ❖ Select a rope belt that once knotted falls to below your shin
- ❖ Wear a cloisonné cross
- ❖ After the service return your robe to a hangar, fastening the snaps at the top so it stays on the hangar, and put it in the appropriate closet

Processional

- ❖ At the 5 p.m., 7:45 a.m., and 10:45 services process behind the Crucifer
- ❖ It is customary to pause and acknowledge the cross before stepping into the Sanctuary (the area behind the altar rail that contains the altar)
- ❖ After the 5 p.m. and 7:45 a.m. services step out of the Sanctuary before the Celebrant and follow the Crucifer
- ❖ After the 10:45 a.m. service, process after the choir

At the Eucharist

- ❖ See the EM Instructions handout
- ❖ The Celebrant will give each member of the altar party a host and will present the chalice to one person along with a purificator to drink or intinct and then to offer wine to other altar party members and parishioners at the altar rail
- ❖ If only one priest is present, an EM will be given a paten with hosts to distribute to parishioners
- ❖ Allow the priest or EM to give hosts to three people before following with the chalice
- ❖ When arms are crossed over the chest, this signifies the person does not want to receive the chalice

Offering the chalice to those who drink from the cup

- ❖ Extend the chalice to allow the person to guide it and tilt it to their mouth
- ❖ When they have received, wipe the rim with the purificator and turn the chalice slightly before offering it to the next person
- ❖ **Never** hand the chalice to someone

Offering the chalice to those who receive by intinction

- ❖ Extend the chalice low enough to allow the person to see over the rim
- ❖ Hold the purificator slightly below the rim closest to the person
- ❖ If the host is dropped into the chalice, do not try to get it out; leave the rail, use the silver tongs on the small table to remove it, and ask the priest to give the person another host
- ❖ If the host is dropped on the floor, pick it up, take it to the priest, and ask the priest to give the person another host
- ❖ Gluten-free hosts are individually wrapped and available. People will ask for a gluten-free host