

## LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY

Eucharistic Ministry is not just 'giving out Communion'. It is more than knowing when to come forward to serve, what to do when in the sanctuary, where to stand to serve communion and what to do when the communion rite is finished. To be effective, there must also be an understanding of the theology and spirituality of worship. This Ministry is fundamental to the celebration of the Mass and essential for those gathered.

*Who can serve in this Ministry?*

- Practicing Catholics who are known to be dedicated to growing in holiness

*What are the benefits and challenges of this Ministry?*

- Full participation in the liturgy with the worshipping community
- A willingness to serve and share in the very life of Christ as you are connected to the assembly of believers
- Being observant of the Lord's command to love your neighbour
- Having the good grace to show up on time at the Mass at which you are scheduled to serve or to make arrangements for substitution when required
- Common-sense dress code – clean and neat appearance registers respect for your service to the Ministry and to the assembly

*What training is required?*

- Orientation provided
- Training workshop