



**SAINT IRENAEUS
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Application

Thank you for your interest in serving as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC). It is Saint Irenaeus Catholic Church's blessing to have the faithful serve at the Holy Mass. The Mass you seek to serve reveals God's power and love. At Mass, the Word of God is proclaimed, and the bread and wine are transformed into the True Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

The primary role of any of our ministers is to glorify Christ. This requires certain qualities, namely, the desire and discipline to serve the Lord and the community. Just as Saint Irenaeus Catholic Church benefits from those that serve, our ministers also benefit from serving at Mass. Serving in the capacity of EMHC should increase one's desire to know more about our Catholic faith and magnify our reverence for the Real Presence of Jesus Christ. This position is truly a privileged one; so, unfortunately, not everyone is able to serve just because they want to.

The position of the EMHC requires mobility and dexterity to assist the priest at the celebration of the Eucharist, by distributing the Body and Blood of Christ to the faithful of the congregation. EMHC must possess the following basic requirements below (please check/mark each statement as it applies to you):

_____ be a Baptized and Confirmed Catholic, and under no canonical penalty.

_____ be a registered active Catholic (attending Mass regularly) who is at least 25 years of age (under 25 must be individually recommended by the pastor).

_____ if married, the marriage must have taken place in the Catholic Church or have been blessed in the Catholic Church.

For a full listing of the Guidelines for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion prepared by the Office of Worship of the Diocese of Orange, please visit

<https://www.rcbo.org/resource/guidelines-for-extraordinary-ministries-of-holy-communion/>

Applicant Information

Last Name		First Name	
Home address (Street, City, State, Zip)			St Irenaeus Parishioner?
			Y / N
Home Phone	Cell Phone	Email	Married? (Year/Parish)

Mass time preference (the Mass time you are seeking to be scheduled at)

Sat. 5:00pm	Sun. 6:30am	Sun. 8:00am	Sun. 9:45am	Sun. 11:30am	Sun. 5:00pm	Sun. 6:30pm

Applicant's Commitment Statement

I want to be Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion because:

I am aware of the responsibilities listed in the Guidelines for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion prepared by the Office of Worship of the Diocese of Orange and will faithfully follow them with the utmost dignity and reverence.

I will also agree to some basic considerations in serving this ministry at Saint Irenaeus Catholic Church:

1. Prepare to serve by being in a state of Grace; receive the sacrament of reconciliation regularly.
2. Arrive dressed in appropriate Mass attire.
3. Sign in at least **15 minutes** before the Mass scheduled start time.
4. Attend EMHC meetings and additional training for special liturgies as needed.
5. Be responsible for serving at scheduled Masses. If unable to serve at the scheduled Mass, I understand it is **my** responsibility to find a replacement among current EMHCs.
6. Respect the priests, sacristans, coordinators, and fellow EMHCs.
7. Strive to be an exemplary model of moral conduct.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Next Steps

Please return this completed form to the St. Irenaeus Parish Rectory. Upon successful review of your application, you will be notified of the next scheduled training date. If you have any questions, please email: sti_ministers@roadrunner.com

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