

Eucharistic Minister Procedures

Thank you for becoming an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion. Below are simple steps/reminders for this important ministry.

1. Please arrive at least 10 minutes before Mass. When you arrive (or least prior to Mass), please check-in. There is an iPad in the Community Room (wall near the book racks). Select your name and the tap "Check-In."

2. Five minutes before Mass, please be in the Community Room to pray with the other ministers.

3. EMHCs are not part of the Entrance Procession, following prayer, you may return to your seat.

4. EMHCs do not have a specific place to sit, however, you need to be able to make your way near the St. Joseph statue during the Lamb of God. *Please remember that if you cross in front of the sanctuary, stop and bow towards the altar, before continuing through the church.*

5. Please sanitize your hands (sanitizer is available near the statue).

6. When the Precious Blood is being distributed, the cup ministers line up in front of those distributing hosts.

7. After the celebrant has received from the chalice, bow and proceed into the sanctuary.

8. The celebrant will bring you the host followed by the deacon with the chalice. *(If we are distributing the Precious Blood, the cup ministers turn around and distribute their cup to the host ministers.)* If you do not want to receive from the chalice, simply place your finger across your lips.

9. The priest/deacon will present you with your ciboria or chalice/purificator.

10. Once everyone has their vessel, please proceed to your place to distribute communion.

11. Please be mindful of those who are unable to process to communion (in the handicap section AND some who sit in the front row of any section). Cup ministers should follow the host ministers to these people as well.

12. After distributing communion to your section, please look to assist others in their sections. In general, the back sections of the church have more people.

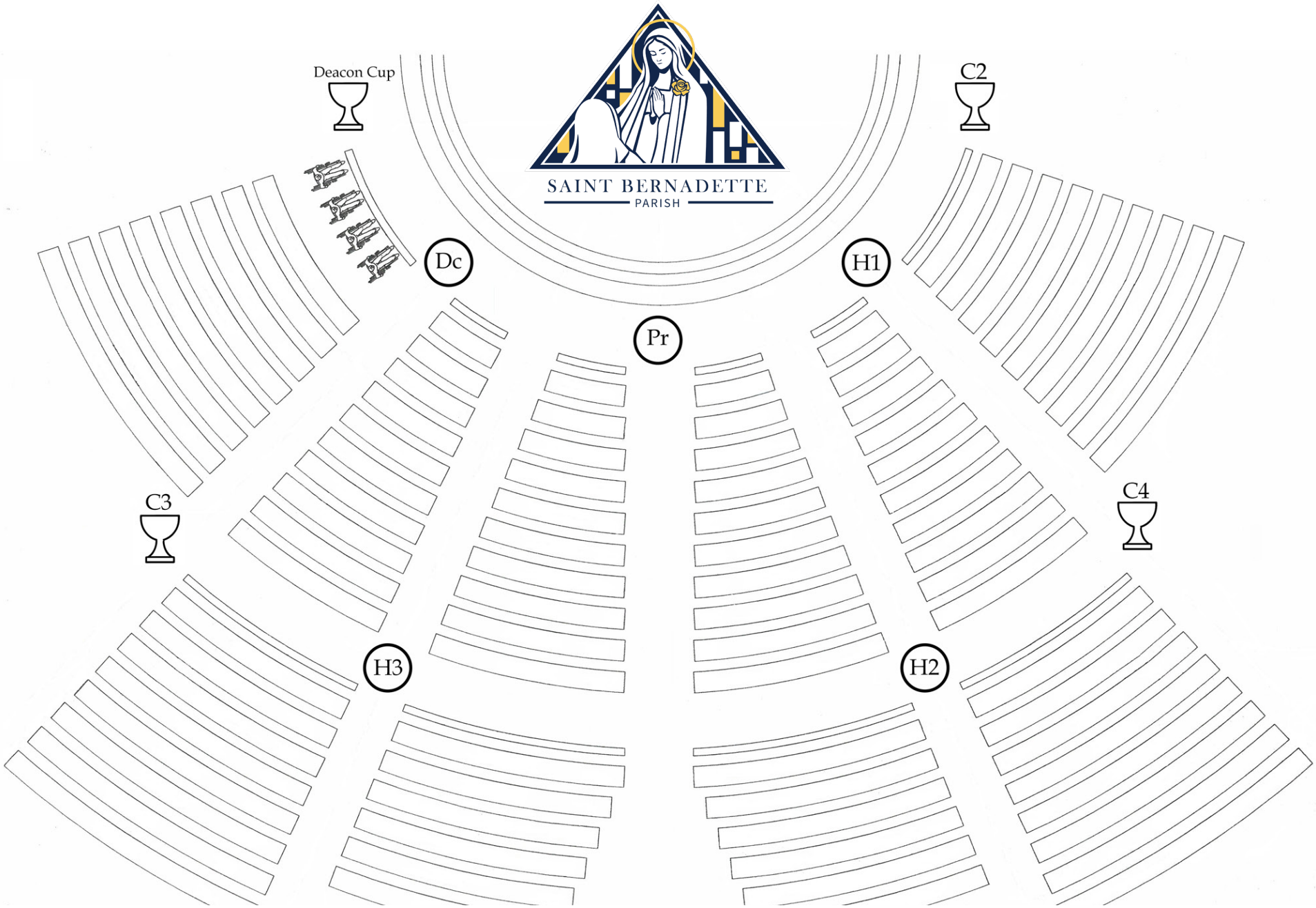
13. After distribution of communion is completed, please return to the sanctuary with your vessel. Please bring all vessels to the altar. After the priest/deacon empties your ciboria, please bring it to the table near the tabernacle. If you have Precious Blood remaining in your chalice, DO NOT consume it on your own. If you are able to consume, the priest/deacon may re-present the cup to you with "The Blood Christ". Please consume the rest and return the cup/purificator to the table near the tabernacle. If you are unable to consume what is remaining, please let the priest/deacon know and they will consume it themselves.

14. If you are present in the sanctuary as the ciborium is returned to the tabernacle, please pause and wait until the tabernacle is closed.

Other reminders:

If someone presents you a pyx to take communion to the homebound during the Communion procession, please politely tell them to see the priest or deacon after Mass. You are not permitted to give the Eucharist to those taking it to the homebound.

If you are taking communion to the homebound, please proceed to the steps of the sanctuary before the announcements. The deacon will bring you your pyx as the closing song begins. You should remain there, bow and genuflect with the ministers and walk in the procession at the conclusion of Mass.



COMMUNION STATIONS

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