

Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion to the Sick

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton's program of Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion to the Sick is an extension of the Eucharistic Ministers who help the priest distribute Holy Communion at Mass. Our mission is extraordinary in that, according to the dictionary, it is both "unusual" and "remarkable": unusual in that lay ministers carry Jesus into the community, and remarkable because it provides a way for homebound Catholics to receive Jesus, our Ultimate Healer.

This movement was initially approved by the Church in response to its shortage of priests. Those ministers' appointments must be approved by both pastor and bishop. Candidates must be faithful practitioners of their Catholic faith and receive training pertinent to handling and protection of the Holy Eucharist.

Our team is made up of three married couples and five individuals:

Greg and Kelly Jones	Allen Belrose	Barbara McCray
Michael and Donna Wallace	Linda Mayfield	Pam Pruitt
Matthew and Sarah Monaco	Louise Tekulve	

We carry Holy Communion to SEAS parishioners who are confined to their homes or recently discharged from hospitals. We also serve Catholic residents in local care facilities: Covenant Place and Covenant Woods (assisted living), Magnolia Ridge and North Hill (both nursing homes). Teams of two ministers make eight to twenty visits weekly. Thus far in this new year we have served twenty persons, each receiving numbers of visits dependent upon individual needs.

Father Johnson accompanies a minister twice per year, Lent and Advent, to offer sacraments of Confession and Anointing.

Communication is key to receiving this service. Call the church office to request visits.

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