



COMMUNICATE LOVE FOR JESUS

(Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and You)



As more and more people come home to Our Holy Redeemer for Sunday Mass, more and more people are surfacing to put their lives at the service of the Altar and the renewal of the Sacred Liturgy. For that purpose, the purpose of renewal, Our Holy Redeemer will once again be bringing home Dr. Jennifer Donelson, Associate Professor and the Director of Sacred Music at Saint Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers, New York for a presentation (see the following page) that more and more people are signing up to attend. **Please call the Rectory and reserve your place today!**

Last Sunday (Trinity Sunday) I asked readers of this column to help bring about that renewal of the Sacred Liturgy by becoming an Altar Server, an Usher, a Choir Member, or a Lector. I even asked the men amongst you to consider a call to the Priesthood or the Diaconate. Today, Corpus Christi Sunday, this column is devoted once again to the Sacred Liturgy, but it will consider not the "ordinary" roles of participants, but rather an "extraordinary" role: that of Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

According to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website (www.usccb.org), "In every celebration of the Eucharist, there should be a sufficient number of ministers of Holy Communion so that it may be distributed in a reverent and orderly manner. Bishops, Priests and Deacons distribute Holy Communion in virtue of their office as ordinary ministers of the Body and Blood of the Lord.

(1) When the size of the congregation or the incapacity of the Bishop, Priest, or Deacon requires it, the celebrant may be assisted by other Bishops, Priests, or Deacons. If such ordinary ministers of Holy Communion are not present, 'the Priest may call upon extraordinary ministers to assist him, i.e., duly instituted acolytes or even other faithful who have been deputed for this purpose. In case of necessity, the Priest may also depute suitable faithful for this single occasion (GIRM 162).'

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion should receive sufficient spiritual, theological, and practical preparation to fulfill their role with knowledge and reverence. In all matters they should follow the guidance of the diocesan Bishop (*Norms for the Distribution and Reception of Holy Communion Under Both Kinds for the Dioceses of the United States of America, NDRHC, no. 28*). When recourse is had to Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, especially in the distribution of Holy Communion under both kinds, their number should not be increased beyond what is required for the orderly and reverent distribution of the Body and Blood of the Lord. In all matters such Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion should follow the guidance of the diocesan Bishop (IBID).

All ministers of Holy Communion should show the greatest reverence for the Most Holy Eucharist by their demeanor, their attire, and the manner in which they handle the consecrated bread or wine."

If you have a great love for Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar and believe that He would want you to communicate that love to Him and others by becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, **please call the Our Holy Redeemer Rectory at (516) 378 – 0665 and leave a message for Mrs. Nancy Solazzo, our Parish coordinator of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.** If you have a great love for Jesus but do not believe that He wants you to communicate that love as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion then please call the Our Holy Redeemer Rectory anyway because there is one thing for sure: Jesus wants you to communicate that love!