

The Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ

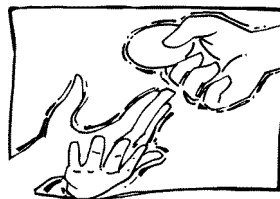


Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Pope Paul VI described the Eucharist as a testament of Christ's "immense love," and "the greatest gift of all." On this feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, we would like to share some reflections by those in our community who serve as Eucharistic Ministers.

"This ministry has allowed me the opportunity to look into the eyes of each person and to feel a connection and a sense of oneness with them that no other experience can match. It is the feeling that we are all in this life together and any differences disappear as we become one with the Father, Son and Spirit in Holy Communion."

"I have been a Eucharistic Minister for most of my 6 years at St. Martin of Tours. It is a ministry I enjoy doing because it connects me with the larger parish community. As a member of the faculty of St. Martin's, I enjoy serving my students and their families who frequently come to the 10:00am Mass.



Serving as a Eucharistic Minister helps me actively participate more in the liturgy."

A minister who also brings Communion to the homebound, offers this reflection: "It builds my faith when I see how much bringing Eucharist means to those who no longer can join us at the table but want to feel a part of the community through the Sacraments. I feel the responsibility of representing the community and it is in such an intimate setting."

"Being a Eucharistic minister provides me with the opportunity to feel more like I am a part of the community, in connecting with my fellow parishioners and catching a glimpse of God within each of us."

Eucharistic ministers are called to share the Body and Blood of Christ with the Body and Blood of Christ, present in the assembly of believers. Eucharistic ministers can attest to the sense of prayer and presence that they experience in this ministry.

Do you feel called to this ministry? If you would like more information about becoming a Eucharistic Minister, please call the Liturgy Office at 289-9617.