

July 2004

Dear Weekday Servers,

Thanks to all for the wonderful and faithful service that you offer to the Cathedral community. A special welcome goes to those who have joined our ranks recently. Everything is going very well with the celebration of the Eucharist and the implementation of the new GIRM. Thank you for your cooperation. Some updates:

1. The **Bookbearer** is to approach the presider with the book open and resting upon the chest (**no arms extended**). The standing position is down one step on the level of the altar table. You should be facing the priest at an angle with your back facing the baptismal font
2. During the Lamb of God, the Servers and Lectors remain at their seats. Only the Ministers of Holy Communion **gather on the steps** of the sanctuary as we have all been doing. Once the Ministers of Communion have begun receiving Communion, the Lectors and Servers simply walk straight from their seats into the Communion line.
3. It is **NOT** our practice to **refuse Holy Communion to anyone**. The only exception may be the rare case in which someone is confused or obviously not familiar with the Catholic Communion Rite. Always err on the side of charity and generosity.
4. On **Thursdays**, the lights for the period of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament should NOT be altered as in the past. We will simply have the all day light switch turned on for the adoration period.

Again, everything is going very well. Remember that your appropriate attire and your careful performance of your ministry says so much to those who worship in the Eucharist. Please remind each other of this update (cause some people don't read everything). Thanks again. Please note that **January 8, 2005** will be our Ministry Appreciation Dinner.

Fr. Estok and Staff