

RITE FOR SENDING EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST FORTH FROM MASS

(Insert for the Sacramentary)

1. During the breaking of the bread the extraordinary ministers of communion come to the altar and place the Eucharist in their pyxes.
2. The pyxes are left on the altar during the distribution of communion (and remain there when the Eucharist is reposed in the tabernacle.)
3. When all stand following the period of thanksgiving after communion, the extraordinary ministers take the pyxes from the altar and stand facing *the celebrant who addresses the congregation in these or similar words:*

The extraordinary ministers of the Holy Eucharist will take the Eucharist to those who are confined to their homes.

4. Then, using these or similar words, *the celebrant addresses the extraordinary ministers of the Holy Eucharist.*

As you go, take with you not only the sacrament we have celebrated, but also the Word of God which we have heard, as well as the affection of this parish community, and ask for the prayers of those whom you visit in return; and now, let us pray.

5. The Prayer after Communion follows.
6. The ministers depart in silence after the "Amen" to the Prayer after Communion.
7. When the extraordinary ministers of communion have left the assembly the announcements are made and the Concluding Rite follows.

