

ST. PAUL MINISTRIES

HOSPITALITY



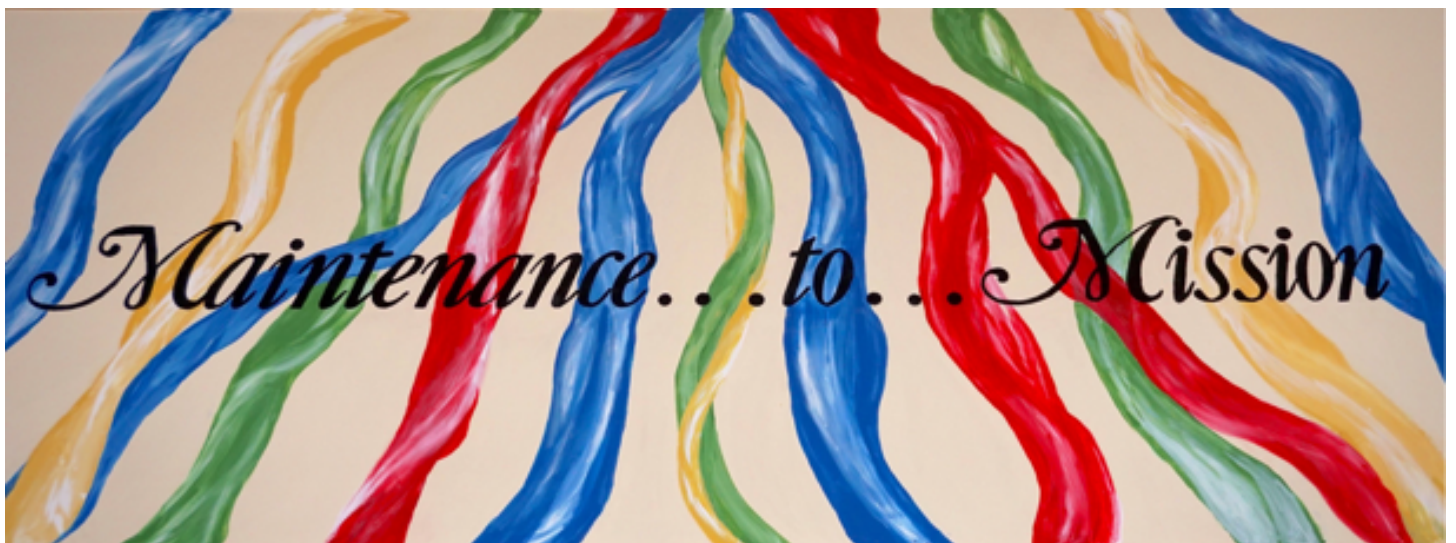
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MINISTRY



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MINISTRY COMMITMENT

Thank you for accepting the invitation from your Church family to become a Minister "Around the Table." Serving in this special way has a profound impact on the way our St. Paul Mission Statement, "To Live As The Body Of Christ," comes to life.

The purpose of the Eucharistic Liturgy, as well as all Sacraments, is to make us holy, to build up the Body of Christ and to worship God. The Liturgy "nourishes, strengthens and expresses faith." (CCC 1123)

By saying, "Yes" to this calling, I agree to the following:

- ✓ I commit to serve in this one Liturgical Ministry for a two-year period.
- ✓ I understand the importance of my ministry in the overall mission of our Parish "To Live As The Body Of Christ."
- ✓ I will approach the Celebration of the Eucharist with a spirit of the Joy of Christ.
- ✓ I will prepare myself during the week being reflective of the upcoming Readings so that I will be prepared spiritually, physically and emotionally.
- ✓ I will arrive on time and dress appropriately when I am scheduled to serve.
- ✓ I will find a replacement in the event I cannot serve at my scheduled time.
- ✓ When I am not scheduled to serve, I will be a better participant in the pew by being attentive, listening, and responding enthusiastically.

By signing below, I agree to all of the above statements:

Ministry: _____

Mass preference: (circle one) 5:30 8:00 10:30

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

PURPOSE

This Ministry Manual is being provided to all Ministers "Around the Table" to create a better understanding and zeal for authentic worship at St. Paul Parish. This information is not only instruction of *how* to carry out the ministry, but to better understand *why* we worship the way we do.

We want to rejuvenate the deep, spiritual meaning of being a participant in Mass. As St. Augustine said, "Behold what you are. Become who you receive." Every time we celebrate the Sacred Banquet together, we are fulfilling Jesus' command to "Do this in memory of Me." We believe that the Risen Christ is truly present in the Liturgy in the Presider; in the Holy Eucharist as His real presence of Body and Blood; in the Word proclaimed from the Sacred Scriptures; and in the Community gathered in His Name.

We want to rediscover the importance of celebrating with joy, reverence, and essence of the Paschal Mystery. From the time of the apostles, Christians have continually come together to celebrate, to listen to Scripture, and to offer Thanksgiving. The Liturgy is a communal encounter of Christ that brings us all together as a St. Paul Family.

Our main goal is to foster full, active and conscious participation in the Liturgical Celebration in order to encounter the Living God in the Word and Eucharist, then return to the world fulfilling our baptismal call to discipleship. As trained, prayerful Liturgical Ministers, we will help plant that which God will grow.

We do not need to reinvent anything. We do not need to decide what Liturgy will be. The Church has already planned the Liturgy. It is not a show or performance that people come to observe. The Liturgy is a Sacred Celebration of the Paschal Mystery through which the Mystery of Christ among us comes alive in all the people present.

Therefore, we want to make our preparation and attainment of the experience of Liturgy at St. Paul a priority, not a last-minute execution of duties and tasks. CCC 1070 states, "...every Liturgical Celebration is an action of Christ the priest and of this Body which is the Church, is a sacred action surpassing all others."

We want to recognize every person who joins our Celebration as equal, necessary members of the Body of Christ. We want each and every person to be received with Joy. We, as Ministers, will serve them with Joy. We want to always be aware that Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord, is indeed presiding at each Mass, proclaiming His Word, sharing His Body and Blood, and sitting next to us extending His Hand in the sign of peace.

First, we ask you to personally pray regularly for the success, grace and insight to move in the Divine Flow of meeting Christ in a real, personal way as a Minister of our Parish. **Prayer will always be the heart of Ministry. Prayer serves to continually renew and strengthen us to serve our brothers and sisters.**

An awareness of the sacredness of your Ministry will naturally follow. We are privileged to have been called and invited to serve in this special way.

The great result will be a continual renewal of our love for the Eucharist and the Sacraments, and a fruitful weekly experience of Liturgy.

MUSIC MINISTRY

The Choir is an extremely important ingredient in the Liturgical Assembly. The Choir provides a leadership role in all of the singing whenever the people of God assemble to worship. One might say, "As the Choir goes, so does the Assembly." In other words, if the choir is really good in their role of leadership, then the Assembly will follow.

St. Augustine's observation, "He who sings well, prays twice" is certainly appropriate. Your presence, your commitment in time, energy, devotion, and participation is an immeasurable gift to the St. Paul Community. Accordingly, your support of each other and of your leaders is of the utmost importance. Your commitment to the Choir is a commitment to God, to all other members, and to the music leaders of our Parish.

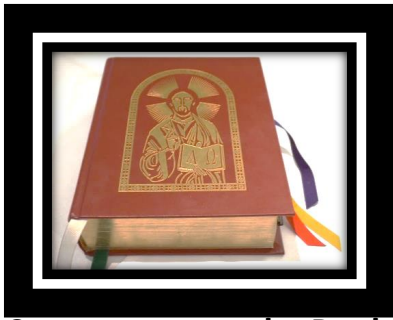
Observing the following guidelines will enhance the experience for all participants and hopefully encourage others to join you in this great ministry.

Guidelines

1. A healthy respect for your time, commitment, and devotion requires appropriate preparation on behalf of the leaders, so that all works smoothly and effectively for practice.
2. Questions for the leadership that may be resolved outside of practice time should be dealt with accordingly. Appropriate use of the practice time is best accomplished only when related issues involve the whole choir. Individual questions should be addressed outside of the practice time, either before or after.
3. Leaders should have all materials prepared appropriately ahead of time, so that practice runs smoothly and efficiently, and thus respects the time and commitment of all members.
4. Unnecessary departures from the practice schedule can be a burden to all, and do not constitute the best use of everybody's time.
5. Since the choir functions as a team, practice is an integral part of your commitment. "If you don't practice, you don't sing" is a good guide for all. However, due to genuine conflicts in terms of family, sickness, travel and schedules, it is not always easy to hold fast to such an absolute. It is best to discuss it with your leaders and make a decision on a case-by-case basis, appreciating what best serves the total choir, and not just my personal interest. If you are in the congregation as the result of missing practice, you can be a great ambassador for the choir to those around you by your manner of singing and participation.
6. Because of your position and location in the front of the Assembly, you are the best recruiter of new choir members. Simply asking friends to join you in your ministry is a great compliment to them and to you.
7. Cantors are selected for their ability to lead the congregation. Their voices need to be solo voices in order to lead in this ministry.

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8. Because of the large number of people involved in choir, and because it is a free commitment on the part of all members, issues regarding time are very important. We show reverence for everybody's schedule by beginning on time and ending on time.
9. While building community and developing friendships with other choir members is very important and encouraged, it is best done outside of, and not during, practice.
10. The basic issues that apply to all other ministries are also critical for us:
 - a. Talking to others only when necessary.
 - b. Being prompt and being prepared.
 - c. Cell phones silenced (preferably left outside).
 - d. No chewing gum. It is just not reverent.



**Sacramentary - the Book
the Priest uses during Mass**



**Cup - holds the
Blood of Christ**



**Purificators - used to
wipe the Cup when
serving the Blood of Christ**



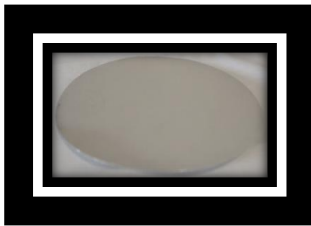
Chalice with paten and host



Wine Decanter



**Tabernacle and
Red Sacristy Light**



Paten - plate for the Host



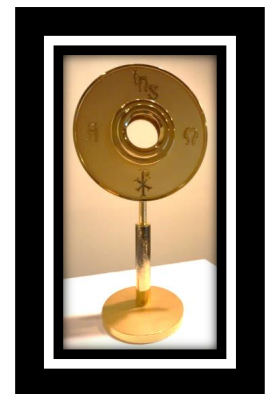
Cruet for water



**Large Host - To be placed
on Father's paten**



**Corporal - Placed on
the Altar**



**Monstrance - Holds the
Blessed Sacrament for
Exposition of the Eucharist**



**Ciborium - holds the
Body of Christ**