

Good Shepherd Catholic Church

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC) Application

Thank you for answering the call to serve as Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC). EMHCs are highly visible examples of disciples of the Lord. Please complete the application below. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the church office to make an appointment with the pastor. Once the application is approved, the EMHC Chair will contact you with training dates available. If you are also interested in the Homebound (HB) Ministry, EMHC training is the first step in becoming a Homebound (HB) Minister. Contact Church office after EMHC training to sign up and receive specific training for HB Ministry.

Definition and Role: EMHC is a lay person or religious who has been authorized by a specific parish or community (or by priest for a single occasion) to assist in distributing Holy Communion to the faithful. EMHC may serve only when there is a shortage of ordained clergy (Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion).

Qualifications:

- Must have completed all Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation)
- Must be 18 years old (or younger if approved by Pastor and Bishop)
- If married, must be married within the Church
- Must have sufficient spiritual and theological formation to understand the role of EMHC
- Must receive practical preparation to fulfill the role of EMHC with knowledge and reverence
- Must be approved by Pastor prior to training and installed as EMHC for this parish upon completion of training

Name: _____ **Over 18 years** **YES** **NO**
 Age if <18 _____

Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Registered Parishioner **YES** **NO**

Sacraments:

Baptism **YES** _____ (Year or Estimate)

Eucharist **YES** _____ (Year or Estimate)

Confirmation **YES** _____ (Year or Estimate)

Marriage: (mark all that apply) *This information shall be kept Confidential*

_____ **Never Married** _____ **Married** _____ **Marriage Annulled** _____ **Separated**
 _____ **Common Law (living together)** _____ **Divorced** _____ **Remarried after Divorce**
 _____ **Widowed** _____ **Remarried after death of spouse**

