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Book Overview. For three decades, An Important Office of Immense Love has been a helpful handbook for several hundred thousand eucharistic ministers. THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD is an updated version of that popular and best selling text. While including historical, theological, and inspirational material from the original, this updated version features pertinent material from recent church documents on the eucharist: the Third Typical Edition of the Roman Missal, Read Full Overview. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who will take Communion to the sick and homebound should be taught to see their role as sharing in the Church’s total ministry to the sick and the poor after the manner of Jesus. These should be persons who can minister with compassion and understanding. Those who will serve in this way are to be made aware of the particular obligation to respect the confidences of persons to whom they minister. The bread I will give is my flesh for the life of the world. Penitential Rite/Examination of Conscience: Take a moment examine the conscience as they prepare to received the Eucharist. You may use a form such as Christ/Lord have mercy. Download Now. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion guidelines. Thank you for your generosity in serving as an extraordinary minister (EM). To assist you in fulfilling this important ministry, please read and learn the following information. I. Preparation a. Begin preparation prior to arriving at the church. b. Be sure to wash your hands prior to the beginning of Mass. c. Dress Code: Men: 1. Wear slacks. Do not wear shorts or denim-wear. 2. Wear a collared shirt, button-up or pullover.