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Ministers of Sacred Heart,

Thank you for your service to our people from ushers, to greeters, to Eucharistic Ministers, to Lectors. You all help make the Mass come together and be a celebration of love. Thank you.

A couple of changes are recommended by your Pastoral Council and the Archbishop. The first one involves Greeters. More and more people are coming through the side door of the Church (Northwest corner), and the Pastoral Council suggested that a Greeter needs to be there to greet those people. This is such an important ministry you do. So many times visitors will comment to me about how welcome they feel from the moment they walk in the door. So we're going to try to assign an extra Greeter for each Mass that would take on that role. If there are only two greeters, if one could take that entry and the other the main door. Thank you.

The second change is for Eucharistic Ministers, particularly the Host Ministers. Now the Archbishop has asked each Church to have what is called an "ablution bowl" by the tabernacle. This is for the Host Minister (including me) to dip the fingers that held the Host for serving to rinse off these fingers. He rightly explains that Jesus lives in every crumb of the Host, and if there are any left on your fingers, they dissolve in the water. So the Host Ministers go to this little bowl by the tabernacle, dip the fingers, and dry for the small towel that is there. I will follow you.

Lectors, you're doing great. Just remember to adjust the microphone and speak slowly. You are the person of the Bible whose words you proclaim. You become the prophet, the poet, the historian.

Again thank you for volunteering and serving in these two important ministries.

God Bless You.

Fr. Bob