



**Diocese of Salt Lake City
Office of Worship**

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to the Sick

The faithful who are ill are deprived of their rightful and accustomed place in the Eucharistic community. In bringing Communion to them the Extraordinary Minister of Communion represents Christ and manifests faith and charity on behalf of the whole community toward those who cannot be present at the Eucharist. Distribution of Holy Communion to the sick and homebound is a sign of support and concern shown by the Christian community for its members who are ill.

Trained ministers provide an abbreviated Sunday service at someone's home, hospital, or nursing/assisted living care. The time commitment varies, daily, weekly, monthly, and is determined according to the needs and schedule of the one visited and the minister.

Selection of Extraordinary Communion Ministers: see (*Pastoral Directives, Diocese of Salt Lake City*)

In the Diocese of Salt Lake City, those who are called to this ministry must complete Level I (Distribution of Holy Communion at Mass) and Level II training. In addition, they must complete the Diocesan Safe Environment Vulnerable Adults Training offered through the parish.

Once training is completed, the minister is commissioned by the pastor (for a certain period of time) during a Sunday liturgy.

Each parish is to provide appropriate training for Level II. In meeting this requirement, each pastor/director of sacramental ministry is encouraged to take advantage of the workshops and resources made available through the Office of Worship.