

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION

1. Name: _____

2. Parish or Institution: _____

3. Address: _____

4. Telephone Number: _____

5. E-mail Address: _____

6. Date of birth: _____

7. Year joined present parish: _____

8. Education:

Schools attended: _____

9. Marital Status (If married, it must be a valid marriage according to the Catholic Church:

Please indicate place, church and date): _____

10. Employment: _____

11. Contributions of service to:

a) Parish Community: _____

b) Civic Community: _____

12. Other helpful information:

All candidates for service as an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion are required to sign a *Profession of Faith for an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion*. A copy is to be filed at the Chancery Office.

PROFESSION OF FAITH FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION

This *Profession of Faith for an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion* is a privileged opportunity to witness to our brothers and sisters of our belief in the Presence of Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist.

Our belief in the Real Presence is expressed in the following teaching taken from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*:

“The mode of Christ’s presence under the Eucharistic species is unique. It raises the Eucharist above all the sacraments as “the perfection of the spiritual life and the end to which all the sacraments tend.” In the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist ‘the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, *the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained.*’ This presence is called ‘real’ - by which is not intended to exclude the other types of presence as if they could not be ‘real’ too, but because it is presence in the fullest sense: that is to say, it is a *substantial* presence by which Christ, God and man, makes himself wholly and entirely present.” (no. 1374).

“The Council of Trent summarizes the Catholic faith by declaring: ‘Because Christ our Redeemer said that it was truly his body that he was offering under the species of bread, it has always been the conviction of the Church of God, and this holy Council now declares again, that by the consecration of the bread and wine there takes place a change of the whole substance of the bread into the substance of the body of Christ our Lord and of the whole substance of the wine into the substance of his blood. This change the holy Catholic Church has fittingly and properly called transubstantiation.’” (no. 1376).

I, _____, do hereby renew my belief in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist taught and proclaimed by the Roman Catholic Church.

Moreover, as an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion I rejoice in my belief in Christ’s Real Presence in this Sacrament, and under the direction and supervision of the pastor/administrator, exercise my ministry with reverence and devotion.

Also, I believe and profess all that the holy Catholic Church believes, teaches and proclaims to be revealed by God. (Cf. *RCIA Profession of Faith*, 491).

Signature of Pastor/Administrator

Signature of Candidate

Date: _____