



**Guidelines for Participation | Certificate Program for Liturgical Ministers:
Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion**



LITURGY WORKSHOP

The Office of Hispanic Ministry, in collaboration with the Office of Worship, facilitates *El Taller de Liturgia* to train Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers¹ of Communion for parish ministry, as authorized by their pastor.²

In order to be eligible for this certificate program, persons must be registered in the parish they seek to serve and approved by the pastor for training.

Those interested in participating should first contact the parish coordinator in charge of the particular ministry and express their desire to become a Lector or Extraordinary Minister of Communion. The parish coordinator then presents the person to the pastor for his approval.

Once approved to participate, interested persons must complete the registration form for the Certificate Program (specifying Lector or Extraordinary Minister of Communion) and obtain the signatures of the parish coordinator and pastor.

At the conclusion of the program, participants will receive a Certificate, which confirms that they have completed the training for their ministry. This Certificate, along with the authorization of their pastor, enables them to serve as liturgical ministers in the parish.

In order to remain active, Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion must participate in the programs of ongoing formation offered by their parish.

If they move to a different parish, they should present the Certificate of completion to the coordinator in the new parish and request the pastor's approval and authorization for ministry.

These updated guidelines are effective as of March 1, 2017.

United in Christ,
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1) Eucharistic Ministers must comply with all the Sacraments of the Catholic Church.

2) See Canon Rights 773, 776, 780 and NDC pp. 228-229.