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## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: All Priests, Deacons, and Eucharistic Minister Coordinators

FROM: Father Nicholas Smith

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RE: EMHC to the Sick and Homebound

Many priests have expressed a desire for the Office of Sacred Worship to publish guidelines for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) to the Sick and Homebound.

With this memorandum, you will find guidelines to be used for those ministers who are tasked with bringing Holy Communion to such individuals. These ministers are entrusted with sharing the Church's ministry to the sick in the manner of Jesus Christ and they serve as a tangible expression of the parish's support and care for its members.

It is our hope that these guidelines will assist all those involved in this important ministry.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Office of Sacred Worship at 314-792-7231 or <a href="maggiedapron@archstl.org">maggiedapron@archstl.org</a>.

Guidelines for wakes in the parish church will be forthcoming this summer.

Thank you for all you do to ensure that the Eucharist is brought to those faithful who, because of illness, age, or infirmity, are unable to attend Sunday Mass.