



## **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION DURING A PANDEMIC**

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist may assist the priest and/or deacon at the distribution of Holy Communion during Mass using the following protocol which is to be communicated to the ministers in advance of their being assigned to assist:

- Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist aged 65 or older, with an underlying condition, or a compromised immune system should not be distributing Communion without prior consultation with their doctor.
- Only one Extraordinary Minister is to be used at Mass.
- Communion is distributed in the hand only without making physical contact with the communicant. If inadvertent contact occurs, the minister is to make use of hand sanitizer before proceeding to the next communicant.
- All ministers of Communion are to sanitize their hands immediately before and after distribution of Communion.
- All ministers are to wear a face mask during distribution.