

All ministry volunteers are required to complete the Safe Environment Training (VIRTUS) every FIVE years per Archdiocese of Santa Fe policy. This comprehensive training that assists in creating a safe environment for children and vulnerable adults may be accessed on the Archdiocese website at www.archdiosf.org or through www.smdlp.org. Volunteers may also attend the training in person. Call the Archdiocese Safe Environment Office at (505) 831-8144 for training locations and dates.

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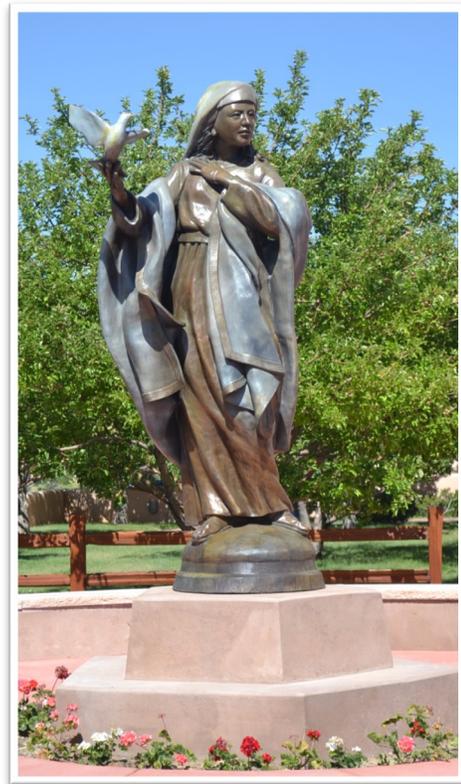
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**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
OF HOLY COMMUNION
TO THE HOMEBOUND**





SANTA MARIA DE LA PAZ

serves its homebound parishioners by providing regular visits for the reception of Holy Communion. These visits also support the sick and homebound in conversation and prayer. Visits are conducted by the

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND.

This ministry is very important as it provides a spiritual and sacramental lifeline to the members of our Parish who are unable to attend Mass and receive Communion. It also serves as a social connection to our Catholic community for the homebound, as the minister shares the news of our Parish.

REQUIREMENTS*

An Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion should:

- ◆ Be a Catholic living in harmony with the teachings of the Church, baptized and able to receive the Eucharist.
- ◆ Be of sufficient age and maturity to perform the duties at Mass or to the sick and homebound.
- ◆ Contact Deacon Eloy, even if the homebound person is the minister's mother, father, or a close relative.
- ◆ Administer the Sacrament as soon as possible upon arrival to the homebound's place of

residence and only after proper and reverent prayer.

- ◆ Ensure that, if the homebound person is asleep when the minister arrives, an altar for the Eucharist is prepared, with a white cloth, a lit candle, and a crucifix. If the homebound person is unable to consume the Eucharist, the minister should consume it within an hour upon arriving at the homebound's place of residence.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches, "The Eucharist is a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the Father, a blessing by which the Church expresses her gratitude to God for all his benefits, for all that he has accomplished through creation, redemption and sanctification". (CCC 1360) Catholics actively participate in the Eucharist as the source and summit of their Christian life.

(*Office of Worship and Christian Initiation, Archdiocese of Santa Fe; June, 2005)

TRAINING

Training is provided and required prior to participating in this Ministry. Training can be provided on an as needed basis

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