

ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

ROLE DESCRIPTION

Eucharistic Minister to the Housebound

ROLE TITLE: Parish Eucharistic Minister to the Housebound.
RESPONSIBLE TO: Parish Priest.
ROLE PURPOSE: To bring the Eucharist into the residences of housebound people.

MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES

- To bring the Eucharist from the Parish Church to people in the community who are housebound, due to health, age or disability.
- To follow the instructions given by the Diocese for the reverend conveying of the Eucharist and to follow the appropriate format for administration of the Eucharist.
- When visiting people either in hospital or a residential home, to respect the boundaries and regulations of the organization, particularly by notifying someone in a supervisory position, of your presence in the home.
- To be respectful of the homes of people in the community.
- To be willing to administer the Eucharist prayerfully.
- To be aware of difficulties for some people with swallowing the Eucharist and therefore accommodating the size of the portion of the host to enable comfortable reception of the sacrament.
- To be sensitive to the fact that doctors, nurses or social services may call just before or whilst the Sacrament is being administered and that medical care should take precedence.
- Willingness to talk with the people to whom the Sacrament is being brought, recognising them as part of the Body of Christ.

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

- To familiarise themselves with National Child Protection Policies.
- To refer any concerns about a child or vulnerable adult to the CPR in the Parish.
- To be willing to participate in basic child protection training.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

- To have reverence for the Eucharist.
- To have a clear understanding of the Eucharist as a sacrament of unity, reconciliation, community and individual empowerment and healing.
- Full acceptance of the Church's teaching on the Eucharist and the Mass.
- To be available to bring the Eucharist on a regular basis to those in need.
- To recognise that Jesus is present in the Eucharist and in the people to whom it is being given.
- The ability to show courtesy and respect within the homes of other people.