



ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK
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ANNOUNCEMENT

New Online Training and Certification Program
for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

The Liturgy Office is pleased to announce its new [online certification program for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion](#). The program is convenient and interactive and includes an instructional video, a short quiz, and opportunities for reflection and questions. This free course is offered in both [English and Spanish](#) and may be accessed from the [Liturgy Office webpage](#) and at nyliturgy.teachable.com.

This new training program is intended to standardize the material received by Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion throughout the Archdiocese, reduce the need for parishes to schedule their own training sessions, and create a comprehensive listing of active Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion along with the dates of their training.

Completion of the training course does not of itself indicate that one is able to exercise this ministry. After finishing the course, the student will receive a certificate of completion via email. The prospective Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion should present this certificate to his/her pastor. If Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are needed in the parish, the pastor should then request a mandate from the local dean for those who are qualified and have been trained to serve in this ministry. In the Archdiocese of New York, the mandate to serve as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion is given for a term of three years; terms are renewable.

While archdiocesan parishes are ultimately entrusted with the training of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, the use of the new online training and certification program is encouraged, either in place of parish sessions or at least as a supplement to them. Lastly, parishes are reminded that archdiocesan guidelines for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are also available in [English and Spanish](#) at the [Liturgy Office website](#).

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