

## Saanich Peninsula Parish

### Eucharistic Ministers 2010 Annual Report

As the Coordinator of the St. Elizabeth's Eucharistic Ministers, I wish to thank all the lay ministers who so faithfully are in the right place at the right time. A special thanks goes to those that realize others have forgotten to check their schedules and have quietly come forth and taken the place of the missing person behind the altar.

Your dedication to this important ministry is greatly appreciated. Sadly this year we have lost some very faithful ministers because of discouragement with the confusion which often occurs behind the altar when people forget which position they are to serve and take on another's designated position.

Presently, for Sundays, we have 19 lay ministers and because 6 are on duty at a time, most ministers serve every three to four weeks. Saturday Masses have a real shortage of volunteers in spite of requests for new ministers to come forward. We only have 6 ministers and we try and schedule 3 per Mass so they are on duty every other week or more often if someone is sick or on holidays. A special thanks goes out from me to Ina Miller who looks after the Saturday Masses so effectively with her small crew of volunteers.

Being one of the more traditional Catholics, I feel more comfortable with the pomp and circumstance that use to be part of the Mass and that is why I appreciate our ministers that check every Sunday before Mass to see if they are on duty and where they should serve helping to make this important part of our Mass look as beautiful as it should.

We have had several recent Sundays when up to three people forgot to come forth. It is my hope that the next Church Year will see improvement in attendance. If you can't serve please contact Bill and he will get a replacement for you or email him outlining the person who will take the minister's position that Sunday.

We are all proud of the very spiritual manner which our ministers serve at the altar giving out the wine or the bread and for that I am most appreciative. If you would like to be a Saturday night Eucharistic Minister please phone Bill at 250-656-0853 or email Bill at [alfredblore@shaw.ca](mailto:alfredblore@shaw.ca).

Again I wish to thank those who have dedicated their service to the Church in this way and hope that you will continue to serve in the future.

Bill Blore, Coordinator