



PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

DESCRIPTION/OVERVIEW:

Gift Bearers: The Offertory Gift Bearer ministry is an opportunity for families to sign up to be part of the Liturgy. As members present the gifts of bread and wine at Mass, they remind us that we are all part of the Body of Christ, each offering our individual gifts.

Coordinator: The Coordinator works each week to obtain parishioners who will present the gifts of bread and wine during Mass, making every effort to include families who are honoring a loved one at mass, or families who are celebrating Baptisms, Anniversaries or other milestones.

ACTIVITIES:

- This ministry allows the Community of Our Lady of Mercy to present the bread and wine as symbols of the work of human hands.
- It offers parishioners an opportunity to participate in the Liturgy.
- Family members of all ages are able to take part.
- A coordinator is needed at each Mass.

EXPECTATIONS:

- The coordinator facilitates locating a family each Sunday to carry the gifts forward during the Offertory.
- Gift bearers gather at the table in the back of the church as the collection is taking place.
- When the head usher returns with the collection they will walk up together, present the gifts to the assembly, and place them on the altar.

Witness Statement 1:

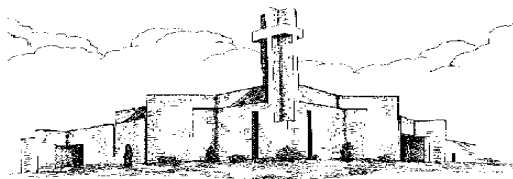
“At the Sunday Mass after my Mother-in-law passed away, I participated in the presentation of the offertory gifts. I felt honored to present the bread and wine for consecration, which would become Christ’s presence among our church community. This reminded me that “We are one body, one body in Christ; and we do not stand alone.”

Patty Passerotti

Witness Statement 2:

“It is an honor to “carry” the gifts to the altar at Mass. We represent the church community in offering our gifts of ourselves (time and talent) and our resources to God. Everyone at Mass is part of that community and we have found that the more involved we are during Mass the deeper the meaning of what we are celebrating.”

Sue & Geoff McCreary



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