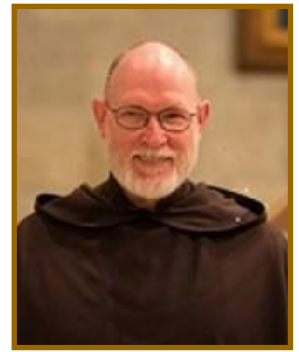




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From Fr. Paul . . .



When you attend a weekend Mass, have you ever taken note of just how many people (besides the priest, of course) are playing an active role in helping facilitate all that goes on? There are quite a few. They are ushers (ministers of hospitality), sometimes greeters (also hospitality), choir, lectors (proclaimers of the Word), Eucharistic ministers (extraordinary ministers of holy communion), and altar servers—all of whom are also referred to as Liturgical Ministers. (Serving ‘behind the scene’ are the sacristan, caretakers of the altar, and those who sanitize the Church after every Mass.)

Because of the importance of these Liturgical Ministries and how much we value those who serve, I felt it would be prudent to set aside some time for renewal and training for both existing ministers and also for those who wish to join as new ministers. We depend deeply on our Liturgical Ministers and it is so important that they understand their roles and execute them well.

We will begin with our Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors. If you already serve in this way, or find yourself called to become one, I would sincerely ask that you attend this program—both sessions if at all possible. I know you will find them interesting and informative, and am praying that they will help you better understand your role in the Mass. May you receive God’s blessings for participating.

Thank you to those who serve and to those who are coming on board. Here is the specific information about September’s program. A sign up sheet is in the Gathering Area.

Refresher for Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors

Part I	Saturday, 9/11/21	9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Parish Center lower level
Part II	Monday, 9/27/21	6:30 PM to 9:00 PM	Parish Center lower level

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Gary Texter. {astoral Assistant, at (845) 733-5781 or email him at gjtt@frontiernet.net.

Thank you for all that you do for me and for our Church. I pray consistently for God’s blessings to be upon us each and every day.

Yours in Carmel,

Fr. Paul A.M. Denault, O.Carm.