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Kindly circulate to all priests and deacons. Thank you very much.

TO: Parish Priests / House Superiors of Religious Institutes, Societies of Apostolic Life and Personal Prelature

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Dear Reverend Father / Brother / Sister,

By mandate of Bishop Michael Yeung:
Parish Priests are to ensure the administration of
Communion Under Both Species with reverence and caution

1. Parish Priests are kindly reminded to see to it that, for Communion under both species, the quantity of consecrated wine be confined to about 2 cm of depth inside the chalice, about the normal length of one phalanx of an index (pointing finger). After the distribution of Holy Communion, the consecrated wine which remains must be entirely and immediately consumed, followed by the cleaning up of the residual consecrated wine with water twice, with the water consumed by the minister responsible.
2. It is the duty of Parish Priests to train the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and to see to it that they:
administer Communion under both kinds with reverence and caution;
handle the residual consecrated wine (see https://youtu.be/Bichb_pEmfs);
cleanse patens and chalices properly (see http://catholic-dlc.org.hk/1109_4.mp4).
3. The Diocesan Liturgy Commission will be organizing several Formation Sessions for the Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion. Each Parish Priest is requested to nominate at least five members of the Extraordinary Ministers, together with their Spiritual Director, to attend one of the following sessions:
16 January 2018, 2-4 pm (in Cantonese)
16 January 2018, 7-9 pm (in Cantonese)
23 January 2018, 7-9 pm (in Cantonese)
4. Parish Priests are to regularly remind the faithful that they are to revere the consecrated species, to ensure that others do the same, and to receive Communion with devotion and caution (receiving the Body of Christ with outstretched right palm). During the festivities, such as Christmas, when a large number of people are participating in the Eucharist, it is especially necessary to remind the faithful to receive Communion with reverence and caution, and the non-Catholics to stay at their seats and not to come forward.
5. Parish Priests may assign additional Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion or Altar Servers, holding the purificator, to accompany the ministers who administer the chalice so that, in case the consecrated wine drops on the ground, it will be wiped with due reverence and care. These ministers should ensure that the faithful receive Communion under both species properly.
6. Parish Priests are to provide a suitable 'Kit for Communion Outside Mass' for the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, so that they use it for carrying the Blessed Sacrament with due reverence and caution.
7. Parish Priests should instruct Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who are elderly or physically unfit not to administer Communion under both species.

With prayers,

Office, Diocesan Liturgy Commission

