

Proper EM Blessing Procedure

Bishop Ochoa has released the proper way for Extraordinary Ministers to give a blessing when someone comes forward in the Communion line but is not going to receive the Host.

1. Take the Host out of the Ciborium and raise it slightly above the Ciborium, 2 or 3 inches.
2. Hold the two together at eye level but not extending either to the person.
3. Say, “ May Jesus Bless You”.

Please memorize this wording as Jesus is the one giving the blessing, not you. The wording should not be changed.

If the person does not respond or seems confused by the new procedure, you may need to follow up with “Amen.

Remember, this is for Extraordinary Ministers and not for Ordained Ministers such as Priest or Deacons. So you may see them doing something different but please follow these guidelines per the Bishop.

Pass this information on if you see another EM performing the Blessing the old way such as touching the person or not using the proper wording.

Also, all tattoos on Eucharistic Ministers need to be completely covered.

Thank You