

My name is Jo-Ann Jenereaux and I am a convert to the Roman Catholic Faith Community, having been so now for 48 eventful years. Christ drew me to Himself by gifting me with a very special hunger and love for his true and unquestionable presence in the Most Blessed Sacrament, the Eucharist. He allowed me to put my faith and trust in Him alone; teaching me that He always keeps all that He has promised. What a journey it has been so far, getting up and falling down, getting up and falling down but never giving up, always continuing and pushing on.

I am part of a team of many who have answered the call to become a Eucharistic Minister. The correct ministry name for Eucharistic Minister is Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. The ordinary minister of Holy Communion is the clergy; therefore the lay minister is extraordinary. Since the 1970's the laity have been commissioned to assist the clergy with the distribution of Holy Communion. What a unique and special responsibility it has been and continues to be today to answer the call of Jesus to "feed my sheep" (people). To realize that Jesus has no hands but your hands, no smile but yours to reach out and look deep within the hearts of His people, bringing His love, understanding, compassion, healing and forgiveness to all.

Being a Eucharistic Minister requires your commitment, reverence and a special dedication to the responsibilities this ministry brings. This ministry is much diversified. Some serve only at Sunday Masses, while others bring our Lord into homes of our sick and shut-ins. Still others visit our community living and nursing homes.

Will you come and join our team? Many are called, but few it is who say "yes". What will your response be?