

## *Order for the Commissioning of Lay Ministers of Holy Communion-Rites*

*Dear friends in Christ, our brothers and sisters are to be entrusted with administering the Eucharist, with taking communion to the sick and with giving it as viaticum to the dying.*

*In this ministry, you must be examples of Christian living in faith and conduct; you must strive to grow in holiness through this sacrament of unity and love.*

*Remember that, though many, we are one body because we share the one bread and one cup.*

*As ministers of holy communion be, therefore, especially observant of the Lord's command to love your neighbour. For when he gave his body as food to his disciples, he said to them: "This is my commandment that you should love one another as I have loved you."*

*Are you resolved to undertake this office of giving the body and blood of the Lord to your brothers and sisters, and to serve to build up the Church?*

*Are you resolved to administer the holy Eucharis with the utmost care and reverence?*

*Dear friends in Christ, let us pray with confidence to the Father; let us ask him to bestow his blessing on our brothers and sisters, chosen to be ministers of the Eucharist.*

*Gracious Lord, you nourish us with the body and blood of your Son, that we might have eternal life.*

*Bless our brothers and sisters who have been chosen to give the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation to your faithful people.*

*May the saving mysteries they distribute lead them to the joys of eternal life.*