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Hello All:

As we approach spring and one of our most blessed liturgical seasons of the year, we send our greetings and thanks for your continued involvement as a Eucharistic Minister. We remind you to show your reverence on the altar by dressing appropriately at any Mass you attend. That would include no short or low cut clothing, appropriate footwear, no t-shirts, jeans, etc. We also remind you to check in no later than 20 minutes prior to your scheduled Mass and make it your responsibility to find a substitute if you are unable to serve at your scheduled Mass.

In an effort to save time and money, this will be the final "snail mail" mailing of EM schedules and information. If you are already receiving this by e-mail, many thanks for keeping Becky abreast of changes in your e-mail address, phone number, etc. If you are receiving this via the postal service, either forward Becky (bcipriano@nc.rr.com) your e-mail address or pick up all information in the future in the EM room. We will diligently have packets available as the quarter changes and also any updates/changes that come about throughout the year posted on the bulletin board.

As we approach Holy Week, please watch for sign-ups sheets in the Gathering Space for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. **As was done last year, teams will be assigned to Easter Masses.** It is the responsibility of that team to cover the spots needed for that Mass. We will provide the numbers of EMs needed at each Mass as the time gets closer.

We continue to work through refining the procedure for setting the altar at offertory. Please see the updated procedure on the attached document. (We will also post this in the minister's room and the working sacristy). Note to EMs preparing the Sacred vessels for Mass: Please leave an appropriate number of "empty" plates with just 3 hosts in them to accommodate the amount of hosts in the ciboria. These plates will then be placed on the altar during setup nearest to the priest so he can place the hosts from the ciboria in the plates.

Again, many thanks for all you do. We wish you all a Blessed Easter and Happy Spring....

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