



ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE STATE OF HAWAII
DIOCESE OF HONOLULU
WITNESS TO JESUS

Memorandum

TO: All Clergy, Religious Communities, and Parishes

FROM: Rev. Alfred Omar Guerrero, Director, Office of Worship

DATE: March 6, 2023

RE: **Restoring the Cup during Holy Communion**

As we approach the holiest of weeks in our Liturgical Year, Bishop Larry Silva has decided to allow parishes to restore Holy Communion under both kinds, on Holy Thursday, April 6, 2023, at the pastor's discretion.

Should a parish decide to have Communion under both kinds, training of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion is recommended and local protocols developed. It should be kept in mind that fewer people than before the pandemic may want to receive Holy Communion from the cup, and that the amount of wine poured into the chalices should be carefully planned. All Ministers who serve the Precious Blood should indicate their willingness to help consume what is left over after Communion.

Pastors of souls should take this opportunity to catechize the faithful that the Church has always taught the doctrine of concomitance, by which we know that under each species alone, the whole Christ is sacramentally present and we receive all the fruit of Eucharistic grace. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (1390) states: "Since Christ is sacramentally present under each of the species, communion under the species of bread alone makes it possible to receive all the fruit of Eucharistic grace. For pastoral reasons this manner of receiving communion has been legitimately established as the most common form in the Latin rite."

Please contact the Office of Worship if you have any questions.