

A Eucharistic Visitor is a lay person authorized to take the consecrated elements in a timely manner following a Celebration of Holy Eucharist to members of the congregation who, by reason of illness or infirmity, were unable to be present at the Celebration of the Eucharist. A Eucharistic Visitor acts under the direction of a deacon, if any, or otherwise, the member of the clergy or other leader exercising oversight of the congregation or other community of faith.

Training and Licensing

Individuals wishing to serve as Eucharistic Visitors should do the following:

1. Meet with your clergyperson to discuss the ministry of a Eucharistic Visitor and your desire to serve in this ministry.
2. Ensure that you are currently a confirmed communicant in good standing in your parish.
3. Clergy must register their EV candidates for the in-person Eucharistic training by contacting the Mercer Office in writing or by emailing SafeChurchEV@dioceseli.org. Written permission to serve as an EV is required for all participants.
4. Complete appropriate EV in-person training at Mercer School of Theology on specified dates.
5. Ensure that your Safe Church certification is up to date. Safe Church is completed online through your parish, so check with your parish office. [See next page for required training.] Proof of Safe Church training must be given to your rector for final licensing.
6. The Rector/Clergy must do criminal background checks on all EVs. The diocese recommends Sterling Infosystems, Inc. For more info, contact Nancy Signore @ nsignore@dioceseli.org. These background check forms stay with the parish files.
7. Please submit all proof of completed Safe Church training and attended Eucharistic Visitor training to your clergy.
8. **Clergy** - Please sign and complete the attached form and send it to SafeChurchEV@dioceseli.org. Only this completed form is submitted to the office.
9. After the above requirements are complete, the bishop's office will issue a license directly to the clergy.
10. Renewed Training: Your clergy can renew the EV licenses two times (for three years each time) before you need to retake the EV training. Safe Church training must be taken every three years.
11. In accordance with Safe Church policy, all home communion visits require two individuals to be present to bring communion; one must be a licensed Eucharistic Visitor.

Ten Required Safe Church Modules – Praesidium Academy

1. Intro and Theological Background
2. Organizational Rule & Policies
3. Healthy Boundaries
4. Power & Relationships
5. Abuse & Neglect
6. Pastoral Relationships
7. Prevent Sexual Harassment for Workers
8. Bullying
9. Duty: Mandated Reporting (if available online)
10. Vulnerable Adults

Go to DioceseLI.org/Safe-Church for Diocesan policies & FAQ.

Go to PraesidiumAcademy.com for training modules.