



**THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD  
TO THE LAY FAITHFUL MAY RESUME  
ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
NOVEMBER 27, 2022**

**OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP  
ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2022**

The distribution of the Precious Blood from the chalice to the lay faithful may resume as of the First Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2022, in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. It is for each pastor, parochial administrator or chaplain to determine if and when it is fitting to resume the distribution of the Precious Blood from the chalice. As in the past, this practice can be suspended during heightened cold and flu seasons. Holy Communion may also be distributed by intinction.

*The Norms for the Distribution and Reception of Holy Communion under Both Kinds in the Dioceses of the United States of America*, given as part of the front matter of the *Roman Missal*, provide catechesis, planning and preparation information for Holy Communion under both kinds. Additionally, these norms include the directives for the celebration of Mass when Communion is distributed under both kinds.

As a reminder, all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, including Religious, are to have a mandate letter from the Archbishop to assist with the distribution of Holy Communion. Information about the mandate letter can be obtained from the Office for Divine Worship. The purification of the sacred vessels is to be carried out by a priest, deacon and/or instituted acolyte.

Thank you so very much for your generous assistance in observing these directives. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [fr.dgill@archphila.org](mailto:fr.dgill@archphila.org).

In Christ,  
Father Dennis Gill  
Director of the Office for Divine Worship