

Saint Brigid Catholic Church



The Pelican Self Sacrifice

**A symbol of the sacrifice of Christ
on the cross and the Eucharist.
A mother pelican wounding herself with
her beak in order
to feed her young with her blood.**

SAINT BRIGID CATHOLIC CHURCH

Principles Statement

Principles Statement for the Eucharistic Ministries of Saint Brigid Catholic Church:

We recognize the Holy Eucharist as "the source and summit of the Christian life". Eucharistic ministries should foster adoration, prayer, and actions consistent with this tenant of our faith. These ministries focus on service to and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the subsequent service to others. The grace received engages the parishioners of Saint Brigid Church to become the active Body of Christ.*

All plans and structures of these ministries are to encourage and enable parishioners' love and service to the Lord in Adoration, in service at the altar, in service to the infirm, and in service to one another.

*Catechism of the Catholic Church. Article 3-1324.9/0

Guardians in Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament

Recognizing the Eucharist as the source and summit of our Catholic faith, we as a parish family wish to remain one Body with our Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

Adoration is a Catholic devotion in which the Blessed Sacrament, in the form of a consecrated host, is exposed in the monstrance on the altar for veneration and adoration. Therefore, we as guardians in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament commit to make a Holy Hour preferably once a week, to give honor, glory and thanksgiving through silent praise and worship of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament outside the sacrifice of the Mass.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in to Service of the Altar

Recognizing the Eucharist as the source and summit of Catholic faith, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion are commissioned by the Archdiocese of Atlanta and the parish to service of the altar by assisting the ordinary ministers (priests and deacons) in the ministering of Holy Communion when required due to great numbers of the faithful during the sacrifice of the Mass.

The qualifications required by the Archdiocese of Atlanta and Saint Brigid to commission a "Suitable Person" as an extraordinary minister are as follows:

- Must provide proof of sacraments received.
- Distinguishes self by Christian life, faith and morals.
- Cultivated devotion to the Holy Eucharist through active participation in Mass and the reception of Holy Communion.
- Example to others by piety and reverence for the Eucharist.
- Selection would not scandalize faithful.
- Valid, recognized, Catholic marriage
- 16 and 17 years of age and Confirmed are commissioned for one year; 18 years and older for a three year period
- One requirement of the Parish is that every extraordinary minister be a **weekly guardian** of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

- Personal prayer before Mass and maintaining full Sacramental Communion within the Church, including frequent use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, is expected of extraordinary ministers.

Extraordinary Ministers to the Infirm

Recognizing the Eucharist as the source and summit of our Catholic faith, we as a parish family wish to remain one Body with our Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. Therefore, the extraordinary ministers to the infirm reach out to our Catholic brothers and sisters within our parish boundaries unable to partake in Communion at Mass; thus, fostering inclusion in our parish family. They also communicate other sacramental needs (Confession, Anointing, etc.) to a priest. Other infirm non-Catholic people (while unable to receive Holy Communion) may also be visited with from time to time during ministry at hospitals, nursing homes and special care facilities.

It is the policy of the parish that those wishing to serve as an extraordinary minister to the infirm must already be an extraordinary minister of the altar and a guardian of Blessed Sacrament at Saint Brigid's parish.

Procedures For Extraordinary of Holy Communion

Ministers are to go to the Ministry Room a minimum of **15 minutes** prior to Mass and sign your name to a specific station. Each station is represented by a square and circle and has a number to correspond with the station on the registration form and in the Nave. Captains will find replacements for EM's who have not registered prior to Mass.

A Eucharistic cross medallion should be put on when you sign in

- **beige color** medallion indicates a Ciborium minister,
- **red color** medallion indicates a Chalice minister, and
- **Green color** medallion is to be worn by the EM signed in to serve in the choir loft.

Please be sure your medallion cross is visible to the clergy so they can identify the species you are to minister. *Please* remember to return the medallion after Mass.

At the "**Agnes Dei**", all extraordinary ministers should leave their pews and approach the altar making a "profound bow." They should then cleanse their hands before taking their place in line on each side of the altar. Ciboria ministers should be first in line with ministers of the Cup in the back.

IMMEDIATLEY after *the main priest celebrant has consumed from the Chalice*, extraordinary ministers should begin to ascend the steps onto the altar forming two lines on each side of the Tabernacle. Extraordinary ministers of the chalice should take the **end** positions on both sides in lines.

After receiving Holy Communion under both species and then receiving either the Ciborium or Chalice, *you may immediately exit and take your place at your station*. There is no need for genuflection or bowing as you go to your station. Ciboria ministers place your hand over the ciborium as you leave the altar. Chalice ministers place the purificator over the chalice to prevent spillage.

Chalice ministers - **do not unfold the purificator to wipe the chalice after the communicant has consumed.**

The EM going up to the choir loft will minister Holy Communion to those in the back who are unable to come forward. The handicapped will be identified by the ushers and the EM will be directed to them before going upstairs. The EM assigned to the choir loft will **ONLY** minister to the faithful in the choir loft and will **NOT** come back downstairs when finished to minister in the Nave. Once the EM has finished upstairs, they are

to wait until parishioners have received downstairs before returning to the altar.

During Communion, be aware of the other ministers and be ready to serve at their station if they run out of Hosts and if you have finished serving at your station.

Transferring the Body from your ciborium to others should be discouraged except when absolutely necessary.

Also, if you have finished ministering from the Chalice at your station and still have some residual Precious Blood, please assist at another station.

(Example: If you are stationed on the right and left sides of the Nave and have finished ministering to all the faithful at your station, you may go to assist at the center front stations).

Some members of the faithful (especially children) come forward when they are unable to receive Holy Communion and ask for a special blessing (hands across chest). **Please simply say "May God Bless you" – no touching or gestures.**

After Jesus is consumed under both species, extraordinary ministers should remain at their station until **the priest celebrant and the deacon have returned to the altar.**

Please note there is an exception. Ministers of the Chalice on the RIGHT SIDE of the Nave ONLY, may return to the altar as soon as the faithful as consumed all the Precious Blood and the Chalice is empty.

All extraordinary ministers should return to the altar with their sacred vessels by approaching the side of the altar with the credence table. For those ministering on the left side of the Nave, **it is NEVER permissible to walk across the altar in front of the tabernacle.**

Ciboria ministers are to go directly to the altar and hand the ciborium directly to the deacon or priest at the altar. Please do not place the ciborium on the altar and walk away.

Only the deacon or priest can consolidate the Hosts. Then go to the credence table and cleanse your fingers in the lavabo dish and dry on the towel. After coming off the altar please show reverence by making a “profound bow” before taking your seat with the faithful.

Chalice minister are to consume the Precious Blood that has not been fully consumed by the faithful at their station or choose to ask another extraordinary minister to help. If that is not possible, bring your Chalice to the credence table and place the chalice in the tray and the deacon will consume after Mass during the purifying of the vessels.

Do not stuff the purificator into the chalice. It should be draped over the top of the chalice.

Cleanse your fingers in the lavabo dish and dry on the towel. After coming off the altar, please show reverence by making a “profound bow” before taking your seat with the congregation.

Ministers to the Infirm

Some extraordinary ministers to the infirm (EMI’s) receive special training and are then scheduled to bring Holy Communion to the sick. An untrained extraordinary ministers **cannot bring Communion anywhere** without express permission from a deacon or priest and **should be properly trained.**

Intinction

Intinction is the act of dipping the Host into the Precious Blood so the communicant can receive under both species. As a Precious Blood minister, if you see a communicant approach you holding the Host, place your hand over the Chalice and explain that intinction is not permitted in the Archdiocese. Instruct them to please consume the Sacred Host and consume from the Cup.

Precious Blood is spilled on floor or carpet

If the Precious Blood is spilled on the floor or carpet, you are to immediately stop ministering from the Chalice and place the purificator over the spot where the spill has occurred. Stay at your station until an usher or sacristan is aware of the situation. If at all possible, consume any Precious Blood left in the Chalice and return to the altar. **DO NOT REMOVE** the purificator until the sacristan or a deacon can properly cleanse the spot after Mass.

Precious Blood is spilled on clothes

If a communicate spills the Precious Blood on his or her clothing while consuming from the Chalice, ask to see them after Mass to instruct them on how to properly purify and clean the garment.

If the garment is machine washable, it should be soaked in a large bowl or container until all the Precious Blood has dissolved into the water. The water should then be then be poured into the ground outside or in a live plant in the home. **THE WATER SHOULD NEVER BE Poured DOWN A DRAIN.**

If the garment must be dry cleaned, ask the communicant to take Holy Water and dilute the Precious Blood stain until it has been dissolved on the garment.

Dropped Hosts

If a Host is dropped by a communicant or if you find a Host on the floor or under a pew, please consume. If it has not been stepped on and crushed, find a sacristan who will collect the broken pieces and dissolve them in water and then pour the water down the *sacrarium* – *a special drain that goes into the ground opposed to the sewer.*

Dress Code for Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

The way we dress does influence Eucharistic belief, piety and reverence in our Parish.

You shall not go up by steps to my altar, on which you must not be indecently uncovered. (Exodus 20:26)

Warmer weather tends to be a reason for us to dress in less clothing and more casually. While there is no intent to have “fashion police” on the altar, it has become obvious to many that some current fashions are too casual in that sacred place.

Appropriate attire is only a small way to witness to our respect and reverence for Our Lord, but it **does** have an impact on the faithful.

We should be consistently mindful to bring dignity and modesty to our role of service to the Eucharist and on the altar. It is in this regard that the following dress code is being addressed.

Please accept it in the spirit of reverence it is intended to invoke.

Archdiocese Guidelines for Dress

While each parish will determine its own guidelines for the dress of extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, extraordinary ministers should dress in a way that is dignified and shows respect for the Blessed Sacrament and the function they are carrying out.

Clothes should be clean and neat, and reflect the importance of the Blessed Sacrament, generally by being more formal.

Any clothing that **exposes the legs, upper arms**, or other **inappropriate parts** of the anatomy should not be worn, nor should any clothing bearing prominent logos or slogans.

Clothing or jewelry should not be distracting; the focus of the communicant should be on the Blessed Sacrament, not on the person distributing or their dress.

APPROPRIATE DRESS:

Men: Suit, sport jacket, dress shirt, tie, collared shirt. Dress slacks, Dress shoes.

Women: Appropriately modest dress, pants suit, skirt/dress pants and sweater/blouse, sweater set. Dress shoes.

INAPPROPRIATE DRESS

Men: T-shirt, sweatshirt, sweat pants, jeans, shorts of any type, athletic shoes.

Women: Short dress or skirt (above knee), **shorts of any type**, jeans, sweatshirt, sweat pants, tight fitting pants or capris, tight fitting top of any kind, see-through or low-cut blouse/sweater, halter or strapless tops, athletic shoes, flimsy flip flop sandals.

As an extraordinary minister, you can be called upon at any Mass even though you are not scheduled. Extraordinary ministers should always come to Mass “ready to serve” and “appropriately dressed” whether it be daily or Sunday Liturgies, including Saturday Vigil and Life Teen Masses. The Mass is Mass; no matter what day it is celebrated, Christ Jesus is Present as the Sacrament of Sacraments!

Rule of thumb – ladies should be covered from the shoulders to the knees.

It is sincerely hoped that all will please understand the need for a defined dress code given all of the above. Compliance is not only requested, but is also required as part of the ongoing commissioning as an extraordinary ministry of Holy Communion.

Glossary

Altar is the place of Sacrifice; site where Liturgy of the Eucharist and Communion Rite occur in Mass.

Ambo is where the lectionary is placed and where the Liturgy of the Word is read.

Burse is a square envelope in which the corporal is placed when not in use. It is also, small zippered pouch for a pyx, usually having cord to place over neck.

Ciborium /plural, Ciboria is a chalice-like sacred vessel with a lid in which Blessed Sacrament is reserved in the Tabernacle or contained during Communion.

Chalice is a sacred vessel which holds the unconsecrated wine which, after Consecration, becomes the Precious Blood of Christ.

Chalice Veil goes over the Chalice, in the order of the purificator, paten and pall, and beneath the burse (holding Corporal) It is the same color of the Priest's Chasuble.

Corporal is a square linen cloth on which are placed Paten with Sacred Host and Chalice with Precious Blood. It is folded six times so that any Sacred Host fragments are captured which might have inadvertently fallen from the consecrated Hosts. It is rinsed over sacrarium before being placed in laundry.

Pyx A small, round, metal container used to carry the Blessed Sacrament to the sick.

Cup or Chalice is used when Communion under both species is ministered to the faithful.

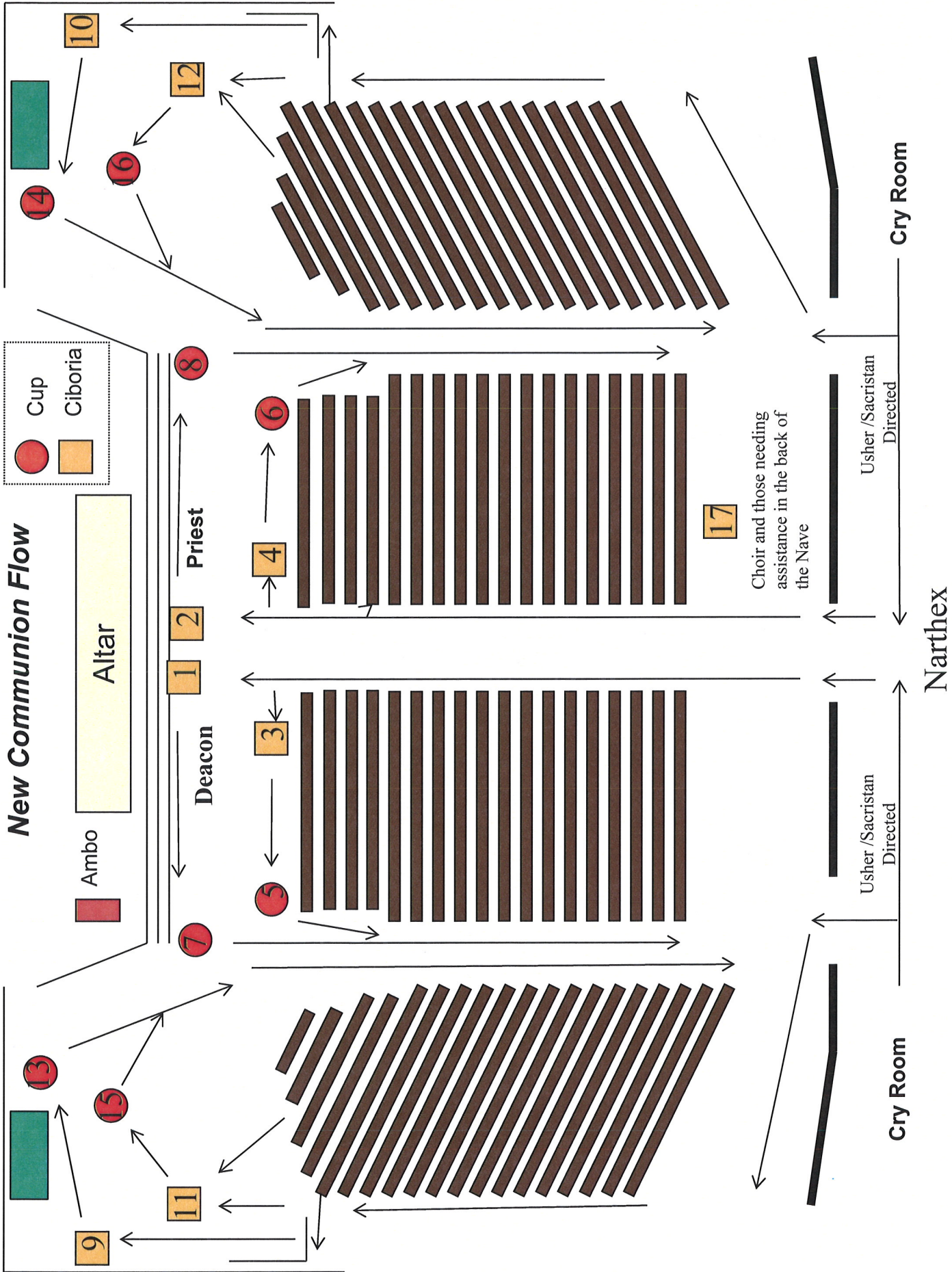
Credence Table is behind the Altar on which the various sacred vessels are located.

Cruets hold the water and the wine unless a large flagon or pitcher is used.

Extraordinary Minister Of Holy Communion

Either an Acolyte or a lay person who meets criteria of CIC Can.230

Flagon is a large pitcher-like sacred vessel "of careful design and quality" which holds wine to be consecrated when Communion is received under both species.



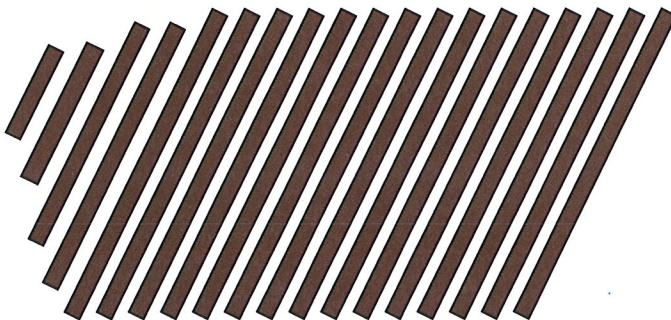
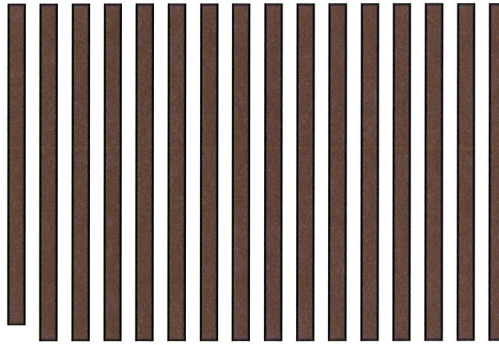
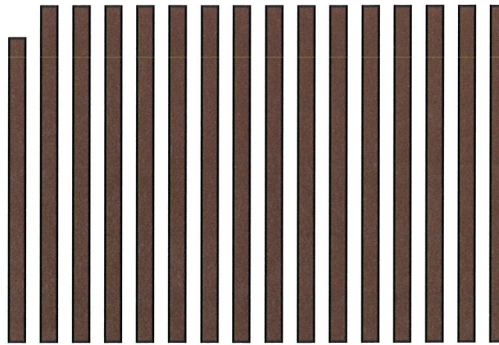
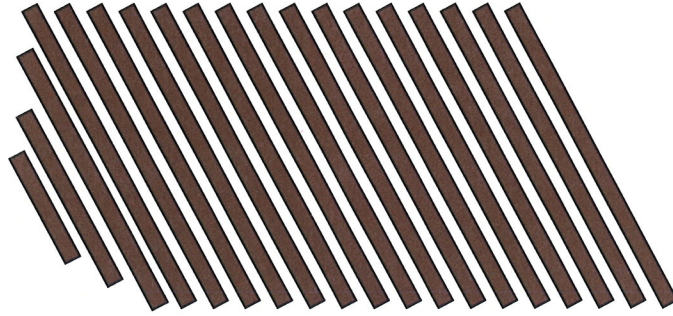
Extraordinary Ministers

7:30 am Mass

Altar

Priest  Deacon 

Name when Deacon is not present



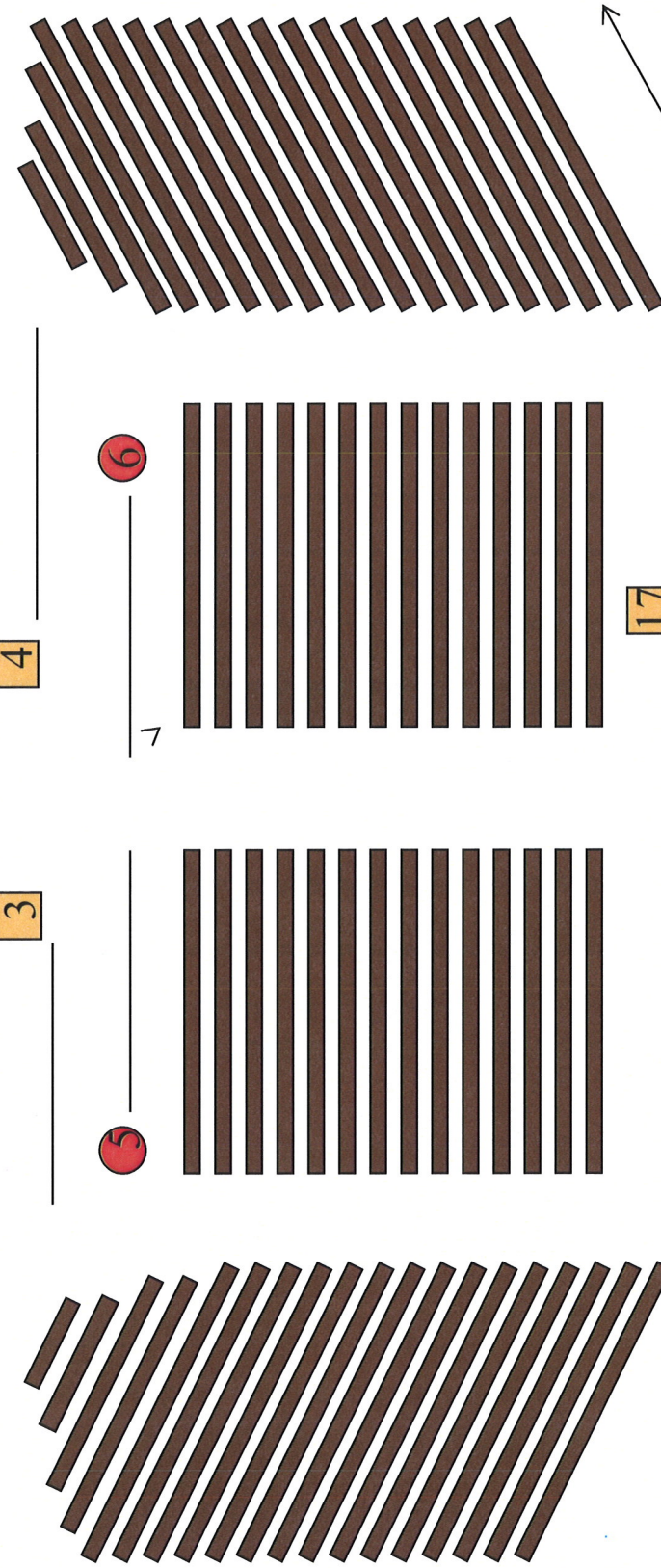
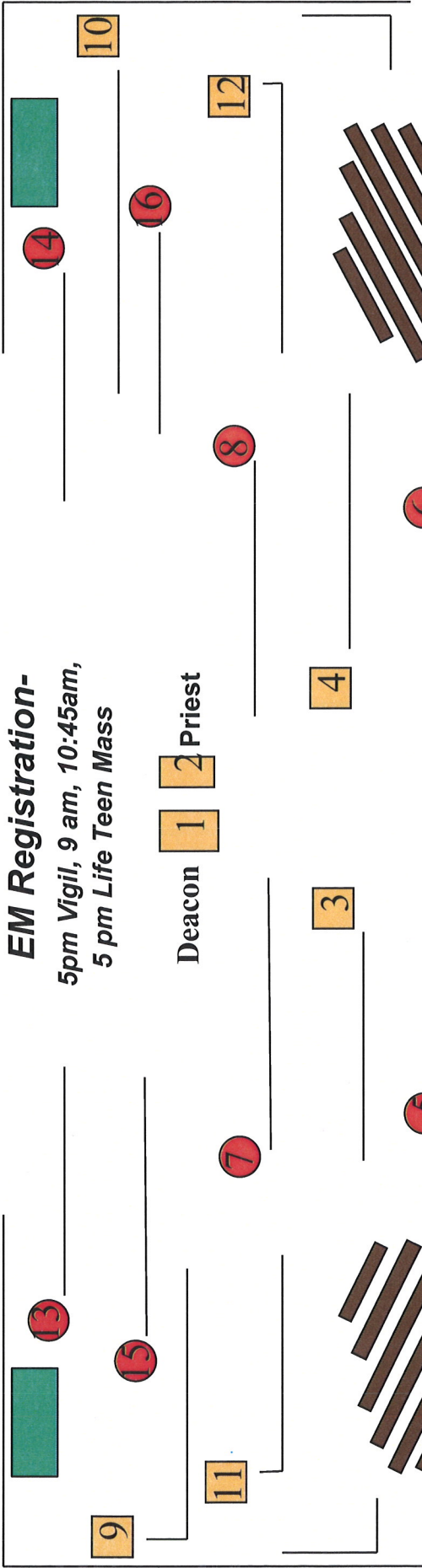
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Cry Room

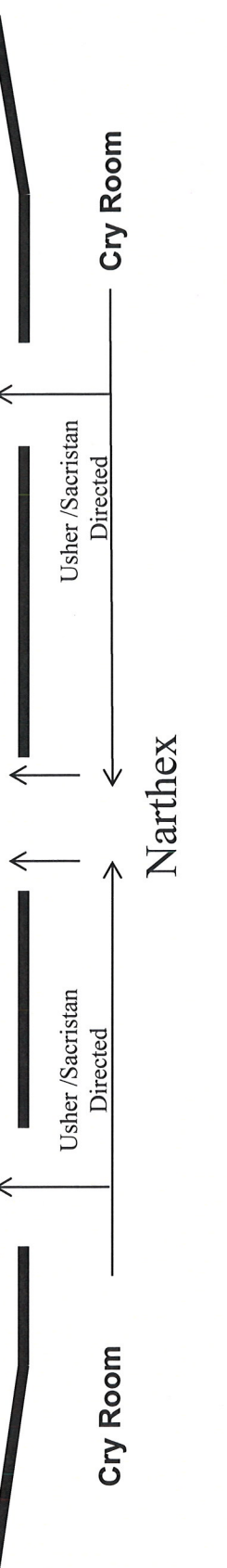
Cry Room

EM Registration-

5pm Vigil, 9 am, 10:45am,
5 pm Life Teen Mass



Choir and those needing assistance in the back of the Nave



**EM Registration
12:15 pm Mass**

