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**Guidelines for Authorized Lay Administrants to administer
Reserved Sacrament to members of their Parish**

From time to time it may be desirable for a person to be authorized to provide pastoral care and Reserved Sacrament to members of their congregation.

Each of these persons should:

- be licensed as a Lay Administrant. (It is not necessary that they be licensed as a Lay Reader.)
- have basic understanding of the sacramental theology of the Eucharist
- be recognized in the congregation for their pastoral ministry to members of the congregation.
- be accompanied by at least one other parishioner. (However this other person does not need to be licensed.)
- Have a letter of permission from the Bishop.

Each should receive training in administration, and should use the rite on page 257 (or, if more appropriate, page 554) of the B.A.S. for this purpose. It is also important that the recipient of the sacrament have some understanding of what the reserved sacrament is.

With the assurance of the above, the Bishop, at the request of the Incumbent and Wardens, will issue a letter of permission to the designated members of the parish to take reserved sacrament to members parish who are unable to attend church.