

As coworkers in Ministry wives of deacons may assist the deacon in his liturgical leadership. The following suggestions are offered as a starting point for collaboration and support in the ministry of service of the ordained deacon.

Sacrament of INFANT BAPTISM

- A. Preparation of parents and godparents for the baptism of their child/children
 - a. Assist with presentation of the meaning of Baptism, family commitment and formation of the child
 - b. Reflection/witness to the meaning of the Baptism of their child for the parents/godparent, other siblings
 - c. Liturgical reflection on the meaning of the water, the oil, the light, the white garment
- B. Assistance at the celebration of Baptism
 - a. Assistant for the service (hand oil, hand towels and/or wipe child, etc)
 - b. Leader of song
 - c. Reader of the scripture
 - d. Minister of hospitality for the families
 - e. Assist with the lighting of candles and placement of white cloth
- C. Other

Celebration OF THE RITE OF MARRIAGE

- A. Assist in the preparation of the couple where suitable
 - a. Various preparation programs
 - b. Offer reflection on the readings and prayers for the liturgy
- B. Assist at the liturgy to welcome the couple, the family, meet with parents of couple;
- C. Assist with the rehearsal for the bridal party
- D. If needed serve as reader, Communion Minister, hospitality minister, etc.
- E. Other

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK and in the COMMUNITY

- A. Hospital and home visitation with or without the Deacon
- B. Be prepared to lead the communion service at the church, in nursing home, etc.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

- A. Assist with the preparation of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- B. Plan a prayer service, intentions for the time of adoration, etc.
- C. Plan reflections/preaching for exposition services

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

- A. Leading celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours
- B. Reading/Reflection at the celebration

WAKE SERVICES AND FUNERALS

- A. Assist with the Funeral Vigil or Rosary as reader, hospitality minister, song leader
- B. Assist at the Funeral Mass as song leader, reader, mourner(especially if no family members are present)

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