



## The Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast

13 November 2023

Dear Lay Worship Leaders,

I am writing to notify you of some updates to information posted on our website pertaining to *The Administration of Communion Under Special Circumstances* that you are licensed to officiate. But before I share that news, I want to again thank you for your ministry. I regularly hear about the excellent, energetic, and faithful work you are doing to serve the people of our diocese.

We have lived with this particular liturgy for enough time that a number of issues, questions and situations have been raised. Consequently, we have added a document on our website that is a set of rubrics for using this particular service. It may at first feel stringent, but it is important for us to continue to be intentional, consistent and careful about the use of this particular liturgy in our diocese.

As a reminder, this new rubric is the third document we have posted on our website under congregational resources. Here are the links:

1. [RUBRICS FOR UTILIZING AN ORDER FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION UNDER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF THE CENTRAL GULF COAST](#)
2. [THE RATIONALE, TRAINING AND IMPLEMENTATION](#)
3. [AN ORDER FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION UNDER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES](#)

We have also created a brief online form to be completed when this service is administered. Again, it is important that we use this liturgy with care, and such recordkeeping will help show our diligence and careful use of this liturgy. Here is the link: [ONLINE FORM](#)

As noted on the form, if you are officiating at this service with a congregation on an ongoing basis, you do not need to submit a form each time it is used. Simply note the ways and times it is being used over the extended period.

These new documents are in response to the questions and situations you have raised. For your attention and care, I am grateful. And as you include these rubrics into your ministry, please let me know of further questions.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J. Russell Kendrick". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "R".

The Rt. Rev J. Russell Kendrick  
Bishop of the Central Gulf Coast  
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