

**Good Evening fellow parishioners.**

It is an honour to address you this evening. **To share my walk with Our Lord and Saviour, as a servant of His, as a Minister of Holy Communion, and to all of you**.

Just some background and I will not keep you long.

I was invited to join a core of twelve men **by Father Billy Barnes of the Sacred Heart Parish to do a training course to become an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist.** This was nearly 50 years ago. We attended a once a week training course on subjects on the bible, church history, theology and spirituality.

The subjects were given by the late Fr’s. Sheeran, Martin and Johnson over a period of six months.

I also trained many of the future new Ministers of Holy Communion for Sacred Heart Parish. Fr. Paul suggested that I consider doing a Certificate in Theology Course through the Theological Education by Extension College in 2005, and think about the Deaconate.

This course was a correspondence course consisting of 12 subjects. I agreed to do it over a period of 4 years and completed the course with a distinction pass in November 2009.

We sold our home in 2010 and moved into the then new retirement village in John Avenue and joined San Fran at the same time.

I received a letter of recommendation to transfer as Minister of Holy Communion from Fr. Paul which I handed over to the then current Parish Priest Fr. Dominic of San Fran, but as he was leaving shortly for Rome to complete his studies it was held over for Fr. Ashok to deal with.

My years of visiting the home bound, frail and sick has been a major blessing in my life.

To be able to give back to Jesus just a little for the many Blessings he has given me.

If you could just see and feel the joy of those we visit and bring the parish to them in a small way as we share and try to understand where they are in their lives away from the community and body of the church, you would all give the 1 or 2 hours once a week. We who are fit and well and mobile are privileged to attend weekly services.

The Ministers of Holy Communion are all just Human beings trying to share the LOVE of Jesus around and fulfil our calling.

 **Do we require help in this ministry? Yes! we do.**

**To serve with love and compassion and joy we need your prayers as we go out each week or assist Father Ashook during the weekday, Saturday and Sunday services.**

**So if you feel as if Jesus is calling you then give your names to Fr. Ashook or one of the present ministers of Holy Communion complete with a telephone number so that Father can contact you and discuss it with you.**

**Thank you for your time and patience may God Bless you all.**