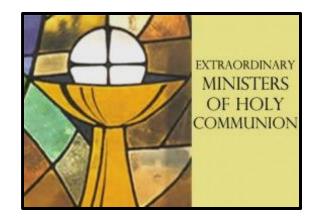
## "Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at Mass and to the Sick and Homebound"

## with Monsignor Gerard O'Connor,

Director of the Office of Divine Worship for the Archdiocese of Portland



## ~ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND ~

Let us welcome with enthusiasm and gratitude our new **Director of the Office of Divine Worship** as he instructs and guides us in our ministry!

All current and potential
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy
Communion in the Archdiocese of
Portland are invited and
encouraged to attend.

When: <u>Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017</u>

9:30 a.m. Mass

followed by refreshments

10:20 a.m. Presentation:

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at Mass and to the Sick and Homebound

11:00 a.m. Breakout Sessions

Ministry at Mass

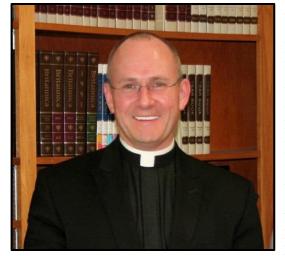
Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

11:30 a.m. Commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers

Where: St. Alice Catholic Church

1520 E St.

Springfield, Oregon



A priest of the Diocese of Fall River, Massachusetts, Msgr. Gerard O'Connor has also been a scientist and high-tech marketer. He earned a doctorate in sacred liturgy from the Pontifical Athenaeum of St. Anselm, the Benedictine university in Rome. Msgr. O'Connor was born in Hull, Yorkshire, in England in 1964. He attended Marist College High School and then Kingston University in London where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in applied physics. After university he began in marketing for the personal computer industry. He became a seminarian for the Diocese of Fall River in 1996 and was sent to Rome for priestly studies at the North American College. He was ordained in 2000 and was sent back to Rome to work for the Holy See as an official of the Congregation of the Clergy. He later served as parochial administrator of St. Anthony of Padua Parish in New Bedford and as an assistant priest at Our Lady of Victory Parish in Centerville. Prior to becoming the Director of the Office of Divine Worship for the Archdiocese of Portland, he was pastor of St. Francis Xavier Parish in Acushnet, Massachusetts.

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