

Lay Licensing

[Eucharistic Minister](#)

A Eucharistic Minister is a lay person authorized to administer the Consecrated Elements at a Celebration of Holy Eucharist. In the Diocese of Western Massachusetts the Priest offers EM training and licenses are renewed yearly at the diocesan offices.

[Eucharistic Visitor](#)

A Eucharistic Visitor is a lay person authorized to take the Consecrated Elements in a timely manner following a Celebration of Holy Eucharist to members of the congregation who, by reason of illness or infirmity, were unable to be present at the Celebration. Recipients of the EV license must have diocesan training by the deacons as well as safe church training for volunteers. The license will be renewed yearly.

[Catechist](#)

A Catechist is a lay person authorized to prepare persons for Baptism, Confirmation, Reception, and the Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows. In order to receive a license he/she must have an individual plan of spiritual practices, Safe church training for volunteers, and have completed, with the oversight of the rector, some theological reading and reflection as well as practical hands on work. Some or all of these requirements may be met at a diocesan offered training with the approval of the rector. . License must be renewed every three years with evidence of some continuing education.

[Pastoral Leader](#)

A Pastoral Leader is a Lay Person licensed to exercise pastoral or administrative responsibility in a Congregation under special circumstances by the Bishop. Licensed pastoral leaders will complete an individual spiritual practices plan, safe church training for volunteers and theological reading and reflection, practical exercises under the guidance of the rector. Some or all of these requirements may be met at a diocesan offered training with the approval of the rector. . License must be renewed every three years with evidence of some continuing education.

[Worship Leader](#)

A Worship Leader is a lay person who regularly leads public worship under the direction of the Member of Clergy or other leader exercising oversight of the congregation or other community of faith. In order to be licensed as a worship leader one must have a personal spiritual practices plan, theological reading and reflection on worship and the book of common prayer, and practical experience leading worship with oversight from the rector. Some or all of these requirements may be met at a diocesan training. Please see the attached guidelines for licensed worship leaders. License must be renewed every three years with evidence of some continuing education.

[Preacher](#)

A Preacher is a lay person authorized to preach. Those seeking a license in preaching will have a personal plan for spiritual practices, completed some theological reading and reflection as well as reading on the art of homiletics under the guidance of the rector, and practice preaching in front a lay committee with time for reflection. Some or all of these requirements may be met at a diocesan training event with the approval of the rector. License will be renewed every three years with evidence of some continuing education.