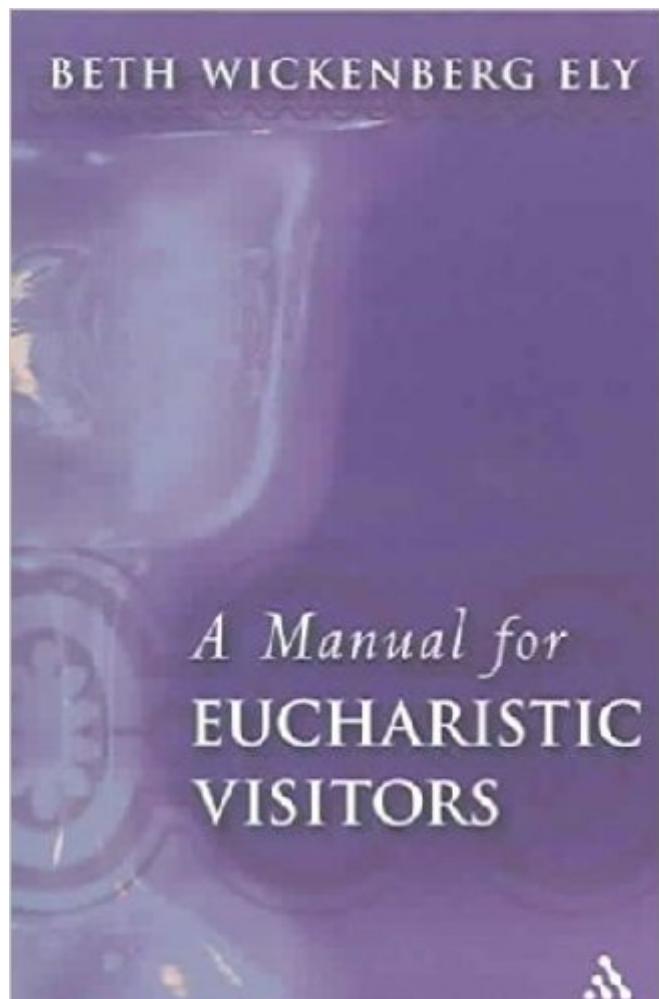


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# A Manual For Eucharistic Visitors



## **Synopsis**

This guide, updated to include the new canons and procedures, offers suggestions on how to prepare oneself spiritually to present the sacrament, what to do when visiting the sick or shut-in parishioner with the Eucharist, and how to prepare a sacred space in someone's home or hospital room.

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## **Customer Reviews**

I purchased this book to read because even among some clergy there is little understanding of the ministry of the eucharistic visitor. Among the eucharistic visitors, (lay eucharistic ministers in the Episcopal Church), there is seldom much training or understanding of the sacrament or the spiritual act being performed. Among both the clergy and the lay participants there is seldom a full realization that the EV is not only bringing the sacrament to a person unable to attend regular services, but the spiritual presence of the entire Christian community as well. The author does a wonderful job explaining these relationships between the physical, spiritual, and meta-physical in this function of pastoral care. Her explanations and examples are written concisely, are easy to understand and are spiritually grounded and referenced. A fine tutorial.

I have been a Lay Eucharistic Visitor in the Episcopal Church for over a dozen years. This manual, written by a Priest from South Carolina, covers almost all that one needs to know to do his/her job of delivering the Sacrament to people who cannot make it to regular Sunday services. It is an

excellent, well-written presentation, covering all one needs to know from the theological to the operational. I would recommend it highly.

I really enjoy Mrs Ely's writing style. She quickly and clearly explains all the why's, how's, what's, and when's of this ministry in great detail without being overwhelming. My parish recently held a series of meetings/workshops to educate and train a new group of Eucharistic Visitor's using this book as the basis of our discussions. Ely's thoroughness, directness, and easy writing style made this workshop fun and exciting when it easily could have been much more stressful when one thinks about the seriousness of the topic and the significant impact this ministry can have on those on the receiving end of this ministry. Whether Anglican/Episcopalian, Catholic, or Protestant, this book should be required reading for anyone involved in the Eucharistic Visitor ministry!

...you should read this book. It's a quick and easy first read. Short, concise and deeply spiritual, Ely does a great job of grounding the Eucharistic Minister/Visitor in the service of the community as well as the church. I read the book in a couple of hours but have since gone back to it several times. Even if your church or diocese has a a training program, this is a great reference tool and I would recommend anyone who participates in this ministry to read it. Ely's understanding of the ministry and her commitment to it are contagious.

While I ordered "A Manual for Eucharistic Ministers and Visitors", the book that actually arrived was "A Manual for Eucharistic Ministers". It did contain all of the information I was looking for, and I understand that the two books are actually two editions of the same text. Having said that, this is a good resource for those new to Eucharistic Visiting, and a nice overview of Eucharistic Ministry and I would recommend it. I would also suggest Rev. Ely's most recent book on the same subject: "The Cup of Salvation", as a somewhat more practical manual on the same subject.

Although the title listed by (and Morehouse) is "A Manual for Eucharistic Visitors," the cover image says "A Manual for Eucharistic Ministers and Visitors," and the product description indicates that this manual applies to both ministries. In fact, this manual is only for Eucharistic Visitors, and as such is thorough and useful, but not what I was looking for.

I chose this rating due to the completeness and depth of training received. The book was very readable and detailed in content. My only problem with the e-book version was that portions of the

appendices were printed in a single vertical line making portions of them useless.

This is the most helpful tool I've ever used. If you are in charge of training your Eucharistic Visitors, this is a real MUST!

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