

# NEW METHOD OF ADMINISTERING THE BLESSED SACRAMENT BY INTINCTION.

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The influenza epidemic caused a cessation of all public services in the Diocese of Marquette (Michigan) and in most of the cities including Marquette they are still prohibited. The Health Department acquiesced and the Bishop sanctioned the following plan whereby the people of St. Paul's Church receive Holy Communion.

The celebration takes place at 7:30 a. m., the rector and three parishioners being present. Then from 8 a. m. until eleven groups of three are communicated every ten minutes. To insure this the communicants apply for a card at the rectory on Saturday which states the time of his or her receiving. For each group after the first three the service consists of the invitation, confession, absolution, administration, the Lord's Prayer and the benediction.

For these services a combined chalice and paten were constructed. By removing the base of the regular chalice a paten was placed between the base and the stem of the cup as a permanent fixture. This arrangement makes it possible for the celebrant by placing his left hand incidentally under the bowl to carry both elements conveniently and with utmost safety. A specially scored wafer was made by St. Mary's Convent, Kenosha. When broken from the sheet it is triangular in form. One corner is held by the priest, one is dipped and the other is taken hold of by the recipient holding the open palm of the left beneath the receiving hand. The triangular wafer has not more but possibly less material in it than the square or round wafer and is much better to use when administered by intinction as the wine-wet corner is untouched by the hand. An extra loose paten is used for the consecration service.