

## TO ALL EXTRAORDINARY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND CAPTAINS:

There has been a change to item #14 of the “Duties of Eucharistic Ministers” that is posted on the web and available for pick up in the sacristy.

We should no longer take the clean, unused purificators to wash and dry the chalices and cups. We had to do that when we first started because we had so few types of linen available to us. There is now a supply of clean, soft, worn out purificators to use for washing and drying the chalices, cups and ciboria. These cloths are in a pile next to the blue plastic bowls we use to wash the cups and should only be used for the chalices, cups and ciboria. Using these soft, worn clothes will help prevent scratches that can be caused by using terry cloth or other types of cleaning towels or cloths.

For sanitary reasons as well as sacred protocol, please remember that all the purificators used during Mass by the celebrant or by us should not be re-used for any reason. After Mass, if they are damp they should be unfolded and hung inside the closet. Otherwise, they can be laid in the hamper that is inside the closet. The “laundry lady” has to purify these clothes first before washing and if we have “dunked” them or gotten them really wet, we could end up putting the Precious Blood or particles of the Sacred Body down the common sewer.

The cleaning towels used to wash glass and /or wipe up spills and clean around the sink and counters will continue to be stored under the sink. Please be sure to wring out any cloths used for washing and hang them up on the line so that we can prevent mildew from occurring.

There is also some confusion about what to do with the soapy water and the rinse water that is left in the plastic bowls after we have washed the cups. Since we have taken the time to reverently and carefully purify the inside surfaces of all the sacred vessels with water and consumed that water that was used to purify the sacred vessels, there is not a chance that any particles of the Sacred Body and Blood of Christ are in the wash and rinse water. Therefore the contents of the two plastic bowls can be poured down the regular sink. The sacrarium (the metal sink in the corner covered with a hinged lid) should not need to be utilized by us. Also, candle wax was found inside the sacrarium. Wax, liquid or solid, should never be put down a sink of any kind.

Thank you for reading this and if you have any questions at all, please call me at 658-4005. The above procedures need to be followed by all of us. Some old habits need to be unlearned! I have to stop and think about how to do things. The responsibilities we all share are a humbling opportunity to serve our fellow parishioners and walk in the footsteps of Jesus.

“...the hearts you touch...the wisdom you share...the love you show...all of these reveal the ways the Lord Jesus is at work in you, shaping and forming your heart so that it conforms more closely to the contours of his own.”

*We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father.*