

## ALTAR SERVER TWO TABLES

### ABBREVIATIONS

**PASTOR** = Fr. Eugene Radosevich, Pastor of St. Luke, Eureka, IL  
**DOL** = Dictionary of the Liturgy

### TWO TABLES

**PASTOR:** The person responsible for getting the Chalice ready for Mass is called the sacristan. Normally the sacristan is NOT an altar server. However, if the sacristan is sick, or not able to set up for Mass then the adult server will get the chalice, cups, purificators, and tabernacle key out of the cabinet and make sure that they are assembled properly.

**PASTOR:** The first table is called the Credence table. The youth server places all of above mentioned items on the credence table.

**PASTOR: Credence Table...**gets its name from the Latin word “credens” which means “believer.” This is a small table located in the sanctuary. It is used as a side table for the altar.



**PASTOR:** Setting up the chalice consists of the: Chalice, Purificator, Paten, Large host, pall, chalice veil, corporal and burse. Visually they are shown below in the order in which they are stacked together, beginning with the burse and corporal, and ending with the chalice.

**DOL: Burse...**a case to hold the folded corporal at Mass.



**PASTOR: Corporal...**A sacred cloth of white linen around seventeen to twenty



inches square upon which the chalice, paten and ciboria are placed during Mass. This cloth is used to catch any particles of the Eucharist which may fall from the sacred host. **BEFORE THE CORPORAL IS FOLDED UP AND CAREFULLY PLACED IN THE BURSE NEVER PICK UP THE CORPORAL UP BY THE CORNERS OR PARTICLES OF OUR EUCHARISTIC LORD MAY FALL ONTO THE ALTAR, OR WORSE, ONTO THE FLOOR!**



**DOL: Chalice Veil...**a square cloth of silk large enough to cover the chalice and paten when they are on the credence table and is draped naturally over them.

**DOL: Pall...**a square of linen stiffened with starch, cardboard, or plastic, set on the chalice to prevent dirt or insects from falling into it.



**DOL: [Large] Bread/ Large (Unconsecrated) Host**



...one of the elements of the Eucharist...is bread [made] from wheat flour...Once the bread is consecrated, it is frequently called the Host, from the Latin word *hostia* meaning “victim,” namely, Christ as our sacrificial offering.

**DOL: Paten...**A round, thin convex plate, of the same material as the chalice and gold plated, large enough to extend over the lip of the chalice. The bread to be consecrated, at least for the priest, would be placed upon it.



**DOL: Purificator...**A small piece of white absorbent linen, approximately eight by eighteen inches, folded in three lengthwise, and marked with a Cross in the center, employed during the Mass. It is used to wipe the lip of the chalice after reception of the Precious Blood and to dry the chalice after it was washed at the end of or after Mass.



**DOL: Chalice...**a sacred vessel in which the Eucharistic wine is consecrated at Mass.



**PASTOR:** In addition to the chalice and the tabernacle key, the child server should make sure that a towel and a lavabo (i.e, wash bowl) is placed on the credence table.

**PASTOR: BASIN...**is a bowl which can be made of glass or metal, which is used to catch the water from when the priest washes his hands.



**DOL: Towels...**small cloths used by the celebrant at various times in the liturgy, for instance, at the preparation of the Gifts in Mass, or by the bishop when administering the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy orders.



**PASTOR:** Once the candle have been lit by the servers, the adult server will see to it that the adult server places one cruet of water, one cruet of wine, and one ciboria with about 50 hosts in it on the gift table.

**DOL: Cruets...**Vessels or bottles, usually in the form of jugs, having a handle and a beak, made of glass or metal, intended to contain the wine and water for Mass.



**DOL: Ciboria...**this sacred vessel is a covered container in which are reserved small hosts used for distribution at mass.



**PASTOR: Gift Table...**this a special table which is often located near the main aisle and used to hold the water, wine, and ciboria with hosts that are used during Mass.

