

YOUTH ALTAR SERVER - TWO TABLES

ABBREVIATIONS

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

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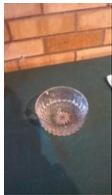
PASTOR: The person responsible for getting the Chalice ready for Mass is usually called the sacristan. Normally the sacristan is NOT an altar server. However, if the sacristan is sick, or not able to set up for Mass then the adult server will get the chalice, cups, purificators, and tabernacle key out of the cabinet in the sacristy and make sure that the youth servers place them on the proper tables. The first table is called 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. The Lavabo bowl and towel, cups and purificators, tabernacle key, burse with the corporal inside it, the chalice veil, pall, Large host, paten, purificator and chalice are placed on this table before Mass begins.



PASTOR: A lavabo (i.e., lavabo is a Latin word which means “I shall wash”) is placed on the Credence Table.

PASTOR: Labavo... 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 linen 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: Pictures of all of the tabernacle key, burse and corporal shown below...

PASTOR: Tabernacle Key...Usually this is a custom made key that is used to lock and unlock the tabernacle where the Real Presence of Jesus is in the form of Holy Communion.



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



PASTOR: Corporal...A sacred cloth of white linen used on the altar to catch any particles of the Eucharist that may fall from the sacred host. **SO 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!**



PASTOR: Pictures of all of the items that are used with the chalice are shown below in the order that they are stacked together...



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: The adult server will see to it that the youth server places: (1) one cruet of water; (2) one cruet of wine; and (3) one ciboria--with about 50 hosts in it--on the Gift Table.

PASTOR: Gift Table...this a special table which is often located near the main aisle upon which the gifts of water, wine, and ciboria are placed before Mass begins.



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. (These cruets have “stoppers” to keep the wine and water from splashing out of the top of the cruet when they are carried to the altar.)



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

