

SACRISTAN TRAINING GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Alb – long white garment priest and deacons wear under their outer vestment. Altar servers also wear albs when they serve at mass

Aspersorium – Also called sprinkling bucket -- Container that hold the Holy Water.

Aspergillum – Also called sprinkling wand – instrument used to sprinkle the assembly. Some priests prefer a sprinkling brush rather than a wand.

Book of the Gospels – Large Red book usually resides in a book stand near the altar. It contains the full text of the passages from all four gospels that the deacon or priest proclaims.

Book Stand – a wooden support for the Roman Missal that some priests will use.

Cincture – white braided rope that is tied around the waist on the outside of the alb

Chalice – Sacred vessel that holds the Precious Blood

Chalice Pall – Stiff square of linen used to cover the contents of a chalice or paten. Matches the color of the vestment of the day.

Chasuble – outer vestment the priest wears over the alb. Colors vary according to liturgical season or occasion (for instance, red for martyr). The garment has no sleeves and is open-sided.

Ciborium – Sacred vessel kept in the tabernacle that holds the reserve Eucharist.

Cope – Long cape-like vestment that can be used at Benediction and is worn by the presider.

Corporal – square, placemat-like linen cloth that goes on the altar.

Dalmatic – the vestment a deacon wears over the alb. Differs from a chasuble that the priest wears in that it has sleeves. The color of the dalmatic worn by the deacon will match the color of the chasuble worn by the priest that day.

Humeral Veil – Shawl like vestment with metal clasps that is used at Benediction. It can be worn separately or over the cope.

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Incense Boat – Vessel that holds the incense used in the thurible.

Lavabo Bowl – The bowl that is used during the washing of hands

Lavabo Towel – The hand towel/cloth priest uses to wipe his hands at the hand washing

Lectionary – a book of the readings and responsorial psalms assigned for each Mass of the year – Sundays, Holydays, Daily – The Sunday lectionary and the Lectionary for Weekday Masses are separate books.

Paten – Sacred vessel also called the plate that hold the Sacred Body

Purificator – napkin-like rectangular altar linen that is used with the Chalices during distribution of the Precious Blood and for purifying the Sacred Vessels on the altar.

Stole – Narrow, very long piece of fabric the priest wears with the chasuble.

Thurible – metal container that holds the charcoal and incense Also called a censor.

Thurible Stand – Also called a censor stand. The tall metal stand with a hook and a small platform. The hook holds the thurible (censor) when not in use. The small platform hold the incense boat.