

## **Additional Instructions for Sacristans about the Communion Procedure- and Care of Vessels to begin November 26-27, 2016**

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for your continued ministry! In November we will be making a change in the way the Communion procedure takes place, and begin using our new Vessels, and **this will add one additional responsibility for you as sacristans.**

Currently the Extraordinary Ministers of Communion(EM) bring the Sacred Vessels back to the sacristy after mass, and take care of purifying and cleansing them. The procedure we have been doing doesn't quite follow the Church rules, so we will make changes to adopt it more closely.

Remember there are two steps: purifying, and cleansing or washing the vessels.

**Instead of the EM purifying and cleansing the vessels in the sacristy after mass, they will now leave the ciboria on the altar, and the chalices on the credence table. After communion, Father will purify these vessels in Church, and the altar servers will bring the ciboria back to the sacristy, but YOU will need to bring back the chalices.**

In most cases, this purification is sufficient, and the Vessels may be put away in the cupboards. They do not need to be cleansed every mass. However, when they are to be cleansed, it will ONLY be you, the sacristans who are doing so. By only having a small group of people involved with this, we can take better care of our new vessels, this will help us keep them scratch free as well.

We invite you to revisit the video on proper care of the vessels, and if you have any additional questions please contact Jill Maria, one of the priests, or Brad McDonald and we will be happy to help you.

To summarize the rules again:

**DO NOT IMMERSER IN WATER, ALWAYS RUB GENTLY!**

1. The vessels are already purified. You may cleanse them.
2. Use a soft cloth and a soapy rag with as little soap as possible
3. Rinse in COLD water DO NOT IMMERSER THEM
4. Dry them gently, and apply as little pressure as possible.
5. Be careful with rings as they may scratch

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