

CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH SACRISTANS

PROCEDURES FOR LAUNDERING CHURCH LINENS*

Supplies Needed:

Oversized bowl or pan	Non-chlorine Bleach	Laundry Detergent
Cold Water	Fabric Softener	Iron & ironing board
Stain Remover	Heavy Starch	

Laundry Procedures:

PLEASE DO NOT USE BLEACH

1. Place purificators and corporals in an oversized bowl or pan.
2. Fill bowl with cold water (over the linens) and soak for about 15 to 20 minutes.
(Note: Linens may contain wine and bread that has been consecrated and therefore the water must be disposed of in a befitting manner – see below).
3. Rinse the linens in the water, wring the water out of them and place them to the side.
4. Pour rinse water (consecrated) in flower bed or on the grass.
5. Inspect linens for wine and lipstick stains.
6. Spray any stains with stain remover (eg. Shout). Then rub the stained spots gently in small circles to penetrate the stains with stain remover and wait about five minutes.
7. Set the washer water level at low and the water temperature at cold. Then, add one scoop of non-chlorine bleach (eg. BIZ) and detergent (as needed).
8. Let the washer run for about thirty seconds to dissolve the detergent and then turn the washer off.
9. Add all linens, alps and towels to the washer. Let the linens soak for about thirty minutes, then wash the linens in the washer allowing for a full cycle.
10. Rinse twice, if needed, and add fabric softner in the last rinse.
11. Place the linens in the dryer for about 15 minutes.
12. Remove all corporals and purificators while still damp allowing the alps and towels to dry completely.

13. Towels: Stack fingertip towels on top of each other flat (no folding); fold large towels (no ironing required).
14. Alps: Place on hanger.
15. Purificators: Iron and fold into thirds, then fold over so the cross is on the top. After folding press again (take home the sample from the drawer for reference).
16. Corporals: Spray with heavy starch and iron. (Note: Corporals need to be firm finished. Re-spray with starch and iron again if needed). Corporals are to be folded wrong side out (so when the priest opens the corporal and placed it on the altar table, the cross will be facing up at him). Press again after folding (see sample).
17. Bring all church linens back to the Sacristy and place in their respective drawers and closets.

**** Church linens consists of alps (long, white gown that the priest wears under his top garment), purificators, corporals, large towels and finger tip towels.***