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1 Corinthians 12:7

Small Linens Ministry, we launder & press the purificators, small hand towels and baptismal towels (size of a dish towel). We will try to do corporals, they are about 30" by 30" and the priests use one per week. We do not do large altar cloths, small table cloths or the priests' vestments! Each member serves only 2 weeks of the year! If a large or unfamiliar cloth appears in the bin, put it in a bag and leave in the cabinet. Then call Kathy Meacham or Amy Vossen-Vukelic. If our priest or a deacon is there, ask them.

1] Your time of serving goes 14 days, from Sunday to Saturday. Sunday is a good day to begin, you'll have at least a dozen pieces from the masses. Bring your clean cloths back on Wednesday or Thursday. You won't be staying very long and it is best to use the back door of the church that faces the rectory door. Look to the upper left of the priests' "desk" for the small terry cloth drawer and the purificator drawer. The corporal drawer is top left UNDER the desk, marked "Specials", the corporals are in the back of the drawer. The clean cloths go under the cloths in the drawer (rotation) and there is a step stool in the linens cabinet (left of the bin) to help you reach. The baptismal towels are in a table (credence table #2) on the east side of the altar. If you have baptismal towels only and there is a service in progress, leave them on the priests' desk. Pick up the soiled cloths to return again on Saturday or Sunday. The church is generally open. Do not disrupt with talk or noise if there is a regular mass or a funeral mass in progress. When your time is done on the second Saturday of the 2-week time, you contact the next person on the schedule. It would be courteous for you to pick up on this last day and advise the next person if you did or did not. Use email or phone or both!

2] Spotting: You may need a dishpan and maybe a bucket and rubber gloves (to keep hands safe from spot remover). In bright light check the front and back of the purificators. Have a spot remover like Shout handy. The purificators needing no spot cleaning should be rinsed in cool water, save the rinse water in your bucket & see SPECIAL NOTE later on. The treated ones should sit for about 5/10 minutes. With gloves on: rub the spot gently and rinse under cool water. Re-spray if needed. Rinse all the treated purificators to remove the Shout. The rinse water goes in the bucket, refer to SPECIAL NOTE. Add them to the washer along with any towels or a corporal, they generally need no spot treatment. The corporal is shaken out by Father over the sacred sink in the sanctuary. Do check it for wine spots.

**\*\*SPECIAL NOTE\*\***

The rinse water may contain particles of the Precious Blood of Christ. The purificators may also contain a small particle of a host. This water should be disposed of outside in reverence.

3] wash on gentle or light setting in cool or warm water, usually under 30 minutes. Now, turn this page over to the back.



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NO BLEACH and NO FAB SOFTENER and NO STARCH. Use minimal detergent or you can use 1/3 cup of vinegar in place of detergent. Dry in dryer about 20-30 minutes, high setting is fine. You might add one of your own clean, dry bath towels to make the dry cycle better.

4] Get ready to iron! You can bring home a sample purificator and small terry towel to use as examples and please DO NOT take home a corporal, there are only 4 of them. First check that your iron soleplate (the hot part) is clean and check that your ironing board cover is clean! The purificator is pressed then folded in equal thirds, then in half with the cross at the crease. The terry towels are folded in thirds and only need steam and a finger press, no need to iron them. Also, finger press the baptismal towels which are folded in thirds, then in half like the purificator.

5] The corporals, if dried, may need to be dampened with a spray of water and need steam. I find the best result is to iron them twice, the second time with no steam or pre-spray of water. You can also roll a corporal, damp from the washer in a bath towel, put in large plastic bag & refrigerate (YES!) overnight or iron in an hour. The corporal is the only cloth we fold with the right side facing us! When finished it will have the "wrong side" showing. To transport it, I tape mine on 2 edges using roll of medical tape [no staining] to a tablet size cardboard or you might be able to carefully roll it to put in your carry bag.

[a hint from Martha Stewart: For a plumpy, beautiful, embossed cross, put it face down on a terry towel and steam it. You will even see an imprint on the terry towel and it will look smooth and new! Don't iron over it!]

6] Thank you. Please save this handout.

Please call me with questions or suggestions!

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