

# Cleaning of Altar Linens



## Purificators

(White Rectangular cloth with a small Embroidered Red Cross)

**The purificator represents the cloths that were used at the burial of our Lord.**

Purificators are used by the Eucharistic Ministers to wipe the rim of the cup between recipients of the Precious Blood of Christ.

The purificators you have volunteered to launder hold the precious blood of Christ. Therefore they need to be handled with this understanding.

- ✚ **Instructions: Handle separate from all other linen.**
- ✚ Soak Purificators separate in cold water in a plastic tub or bucket, until blood is released in the water. Lip stick stains will have to be pretreated before washing, but after they have soaked. Purificators may need to soak overnight for best results.
- ✚ The water you used for soaking the purificators now contains the blood of Christ.  
**This water must be poured into the ground and not into drains.**
- ✚ When pressing the purificators lay flat wrong side up.
- ✚ They are folded in 3rds then in half. (See illustration)
- ✚ Top of the Cross is at the 1/2 fold.
- ✚ Do not press the folds.

*Pre-stain recommendations: Tide/Stain Release*

*Spray Made by Oxi-Clean*

*A Stain remover are provided in the working sacristy*

**PLEASE RETURN PURIFICATORS TO WORKING SACRISTY NO LATER THEN SATURDAY MORNING. KEEP IN LAUNDRY BASKETS, YOU WILL NOT NEED TO PUT AWAY. PLEASE PLACE LAUNDRY BAGS ON HOOKS. THANK YOU.**