

## Cleaning of Altar Linens



### Corporal

The Corporal is a large square linen usually 18"x18" and is folded in 3'S and placed underneath the chalice. The Corporal is used to catch any crumbs from the host during consecration. Corporals are embroidered with one center front cross.

The corporal is so named because the word comes from the Latin "corpus," meaning **Body**. The Corporals you have volunteered to launder may hold the blood of Christ. Therefore they need to be handled with this understanding

#### **Instructions:**

- ✚ Corporals should be soaked in cold water in a plastic tub or bucket, and the water is poured out into the ground.
- ✚ After soaking, they may be spot cleaned and laundered normally in a washing machine. The Corporals can be washed with Altar linens.
- ✚ Place the Corporal right side up, fold up the bottom third, fold down the top third, bring the right third in, bring the left third in.( see illustration. )
- ✚ Do not press the folds, NO STARCH.
- ✚ This is done so that the priest opens as a book when celebrating Mass

PLEASE RETURN CORPORALS TO WORKING SACRISTY NO LATER THEN SATURDAY MORNING. KEEP LAUNDRY IN BASKETS. YOU WILL NOT NEED TO PUT LAUNDRY AWAY. THANK YOU.