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Pope Pius XII

Kinds of Sacrifice

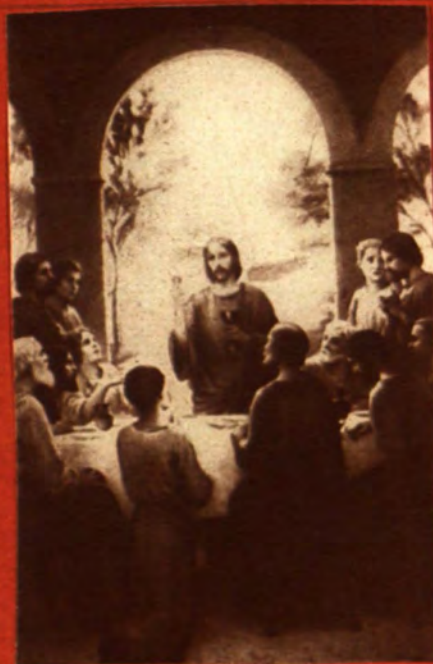


Old Law



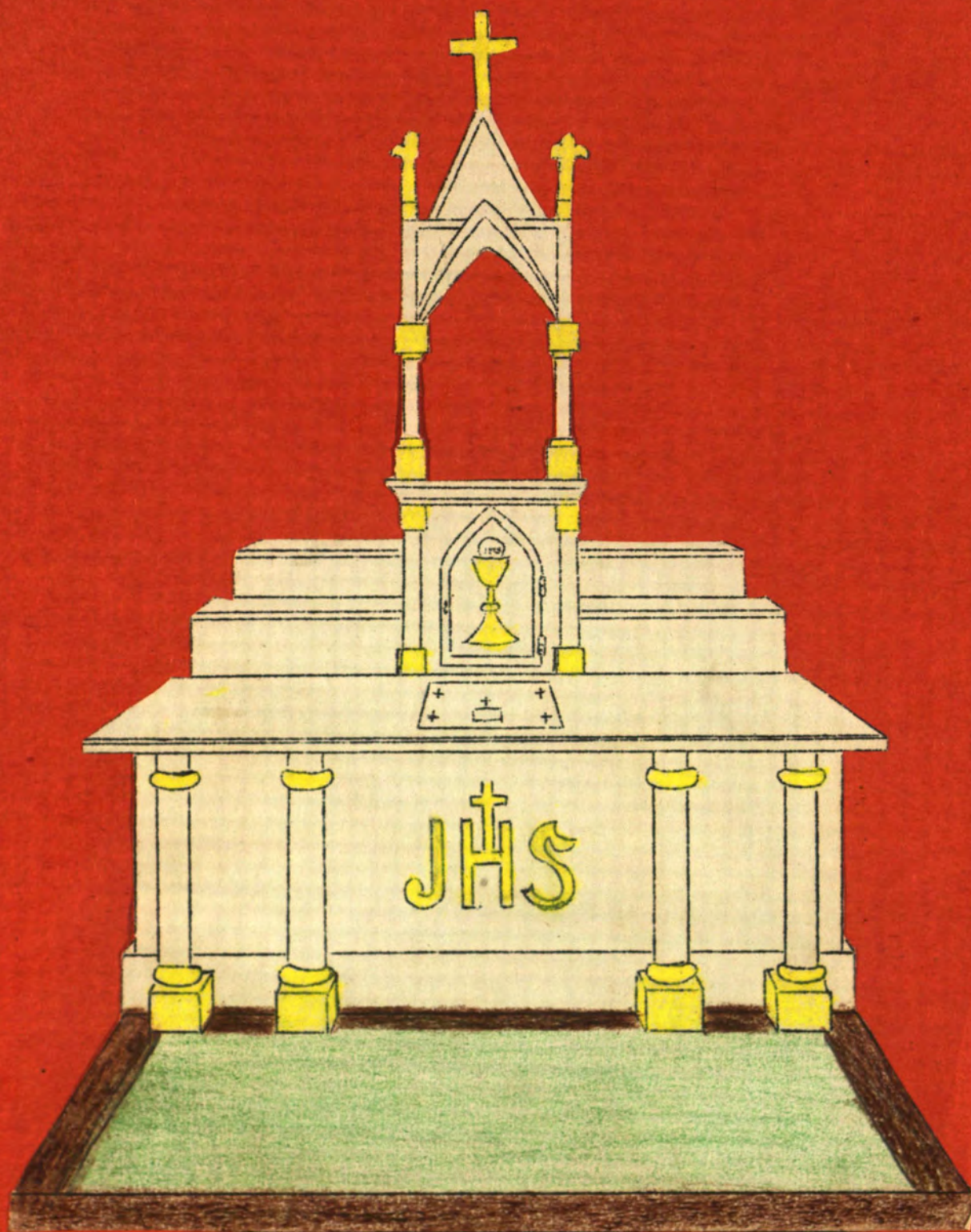
Bloody

Unbloody



New Law





Altar und Altar Stone

What is the Mass?

The Mass is the same sacrifice as that of the Cross.

The Sacrifice of the Cross was a bloody sacrifice. Jesus shed His blood for us.

The Sacrifice of the Mass is an unbloody sacrifice. Jesus Christ offers His Body and Blood under the appearance of bread and wine just as truly as He did on the Cross. He does this through His priests.

In the Mass, Jesus comes down from heaven and stays on our altars. Jesus stays with us under the appearance of the consecrated Host which is kept in the locked tabernacle.

The Church is a holy place because of the Presence of Jesus.

The Value of the Mass

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the most important of all the means of grace.

One Mass gives more honor to God than all the prayers of all the people on the earth and the angels and saints in heaven.

At the Mass the priest takes the place of Jesus. He says and does what Jesus did at the Last Supper.

When we go to Mass it is just the same as if we went with Jesus up Mt. Calvary and joined our prayers with His when He died on the Cross.

Why the Mass is offered

The Mass is offered:

To God

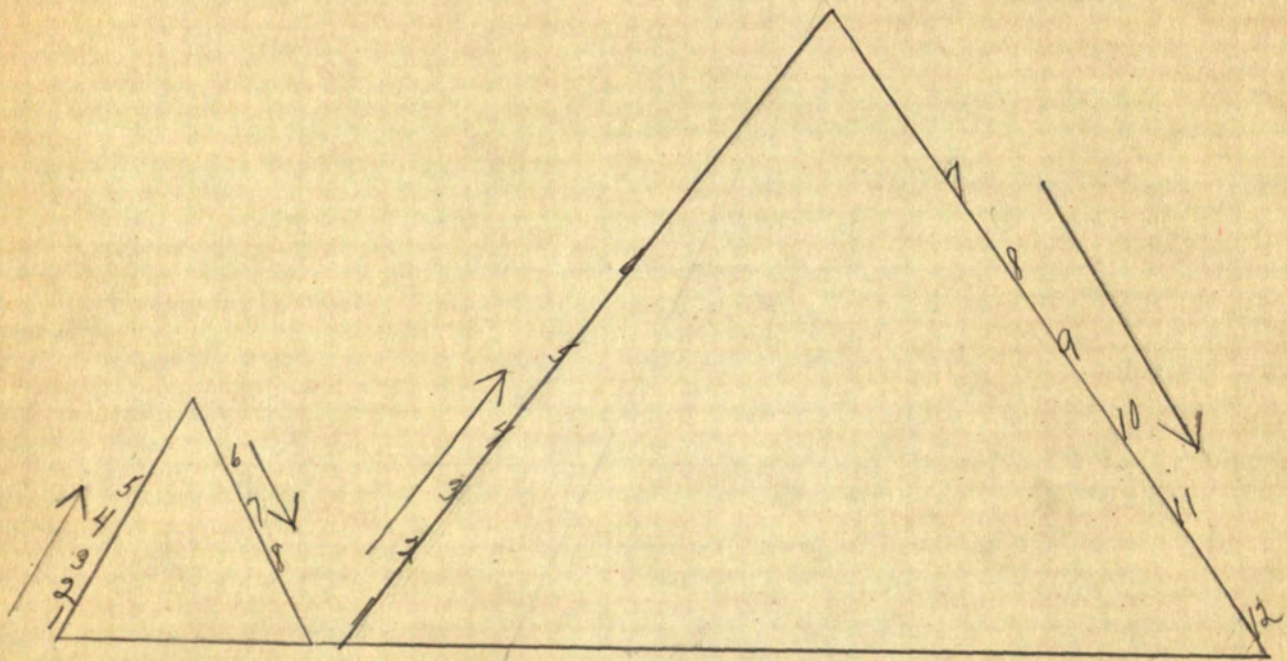
1. To praise Him as our Creator.
2. To thank Him for all He has done.

For myself:

1. To satisfy for my sins.
2. To ask for what I need.

The word A-C-T-S will help us to remember why the Mass is offered.

A - adoration - worship
C - contrition - satisfaction
T - thanksgiving - thanks
S - supplication - asking



Mass of the
Catechumens

Mass of the
Faithful

Parts of the Mass

Preparation (Mass of the Catechumens)

All the prayers said from the beginning of the Mass up to the offertory make up the part we call the preparation.

We join our prayers with those of the priest to get ready for the sacrifice.

Sacrifice (Mass of the Faithful)

This is the holiest part of the Mass.

It begins with the offertory when the priest uncovers the chalice (just before he puts wine into the chalice) and ends with the Communion.

Before Mass begins we should say some prayers to prepare for the great sacrifice of the Mass and to think why it is offered.

The Mass begins at the foot of the altar the priest standing in the lowest place is reminded that he is taking the place of Jesus at the Last Supper and on the Cross.

He humbly asks God to make him worthy. The priest begins with the sign of the Cross.

5. Gloria
4. Kyrie ↑
3. Intraid
2. Confiteor
1. Psalm

In this part of the Mass our
prayers have been going up to God.

Mass of the Catechumes.

The Preparation - We speak to God:

1. Psalm of Hope - 42 Psalm.

This is a prayer of joy and hope that God who is so good will help us.

2. The Confiteor - We ask God to forgive our sins before we offer Him a sacrifice. (The priest goes up the altar steps as Jesus ascended Mt. Calvary.) He kisses the altar stone containing the relic and asks the saints to pray for us.

3. The Introit - This prayer is a special prayer for the season and tells why the Mass is offered.

4. Kyrie - Lord have mercy on us.

5. The Gloria - We praise God in the words of the angels who sang in Bethlehem.

6. Memento for the dead
5. Offering and prayers
4. Consecration
3. Prayers for the living
2. Preface
1. Offertory

God speaks to us.

God's word comes to us
from heaven to earth.

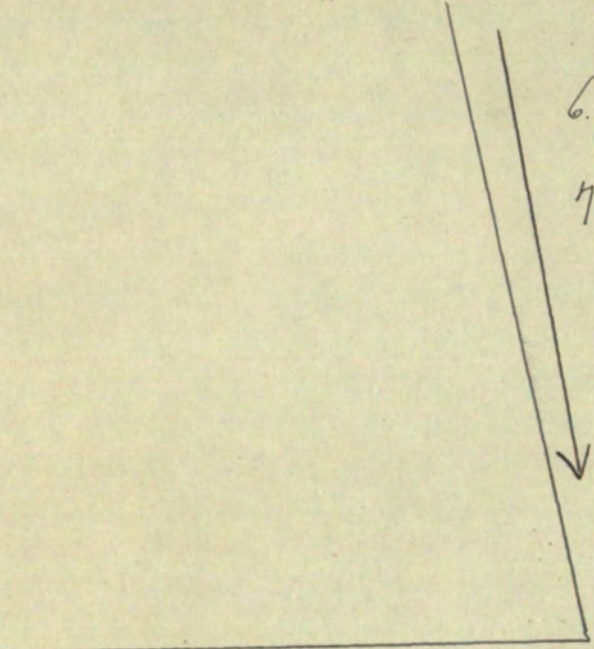
6. The Epistle - We hear God's word
given to us through His Prophets and
Apostles.

7. The Gospel - We hear the words of our
Lord Himself and learn what He did on
earth.

8. The Credo - We stand and tell God we
believe all truths Our Lord teaches us.

The priest turns toward the people
and prays. "The Lord be with you."

We pray for the priest saying
"And with thy spirit."

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- 6. Epistle
 - 7. Gospel
 - 8. Credo

God speaks to us.

Mass of the Faithful

The Sacrifice - We give to God with Christ

1. The Offertory - When the priest offers the bread and wine, we should offer the sacrifice with him.

The Washing of Hands - The priest prays that our souls will be made clean and free from sin.

2. The Preface - This is a prayer of praise and welcome to Our Lord Who will come very soon on the altar.

We say: "Holy, holy, holy, the heavens and earth are full of Thy glory."

3. The Prayers of the living - We pray for the Church, our Pope our Bishop and for all Christians.

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4 The Consecration - The Mass is the same
as the Last Supper.

The Last Supper - The Mass

Our Lord took bread At the Offertory

Our Lord took wine the priest takes
bread and wine

Our Lord gave thanks - The priest gives thanks

Our Lord blessed - At the Consecration

and changed the bread and wine

bread and wine - are changed into

into His Body and - the Body and Blood

Blood when He: - of our Lord when

said:

the priest says,

"This is My Body"

"This is My Body"

"This is My Blood"

"This is My Blood"

At the Consecration, when the bells ring three times, we know that Jesus Christ is really present on the altar.

When the priest holds up the Host for us to adore, we say to ourselves: "My Lord and my God."

When the priest holds up the chalice we say: "My Jesus mercy."

5. The offering and prayers - Jesus offers Himself for us to His Heavenly Father. We unite with Jesus in offering ourselves to God. We pray that God will command our gifts to be carried by the hands of His holy angel to His throne in heaven.

The Memento for the dead
We pray for the souls in purgatory.

For ourselves - Our Lord on the altar prays with us and for us.



- 7 Our Father
- 8 Agnus Dei
- 9 Communion
- 10 Thanksgiving
- 11 Last Blessing.
- 12 Last Gospel

God gives to us.

God gives to us through Christ.

7. Our Father - We praise God and ask for what we need.
8. The Agnus Dei - "Lamb of God." Jesus in offering His life for our sins was like the lamb offered in the Old Law.
9. The Communion - At the Communion we receive the Body and Blood of our Lord, our God. If we do not receive our Lord in Holy Communion we tell Him how much we would like to have Him come into our hearts. We say: "Jesus, Jesus come to me, oh, how much I long for Thee." This is called the angels Communion (spiritual).
10. The Thanksgiving - After Communion we thank God for all the good things we have received.
11. The Blessing - The priest blesses us "In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."
12. The Last Gospel - Before leaving we again stand and hear God's words from the Holy Gospel.

Altar Furnishings



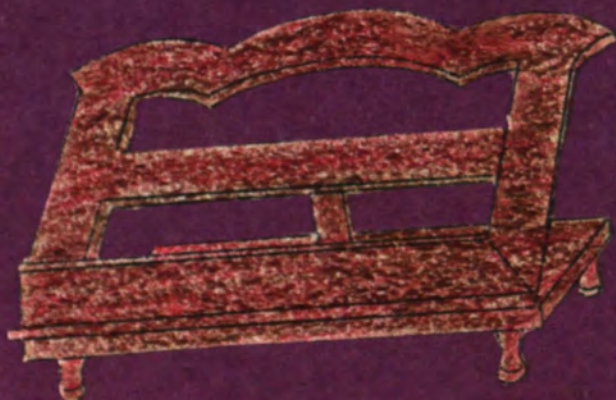
Paten



Cruets



Bells



Missal Stand



Missal

How to Prepare an Altar for Mass

The Altar

The Altar takes the place of the table where Jesus ate His Last Supper with His Apostles.

The Altar must have three linen cloths which cover the altar stone. The top one must be long enough to come down to the floor at both ends of the altar. In the altar stone there are relics of martyrs.

The Crucifix

In the middle of the altar place a crucifix. The Crucifix reminds us that Jesus offers Himself for us in the Mass just as truly as He did on the Cross.

The Candles

Place at least one real wax candle on each side of the altar. They remind us of the first Mass said in the darkness of the Catacombs. The light stands for our faith.

The Altar Cards.

Place the large altar card in front of the tabernacle. The smaller ones at the ends of the altar. The one with the Gospel of St. John at the left side.

The Missal

Place the missal stand and missal on the right side of the altar. The missal is the book of prayers the priest uses during the Mass.

The Cruets.

On the table at the right of the altar, have two cruets one filled with wine and the other filled with water. Place them on a small tray. At the side of the tray place a finger towel.

What the Priest needs for Mass

- Altar Bread - A large white host.
- Altar Wine - It must be natural and pure.
- Chalice - The cup the priest needs for Mass.
The lining must be of gold.
- Purificator - A linen cloth with which the priest wipes or dries the chalice.
After the priest has used the purificator no one may touch it until he has washed it.
- Paten - A small flat plate on which the host is placed.
No one but the priest may touch the chalice or paten without special permission.
- Pall - A small linen square with a piece of cardboard inside to make it stiff. It is put on top of the chalice so that nothing can fall into it.

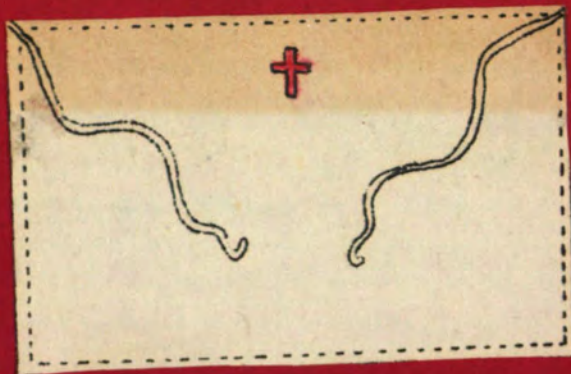
Corporal - A large square of linen put over the altar stone on which the Chalice and host are placed.

Burse - A small square with a pocket to hold the corporal. It is of the same material as the chasuble.

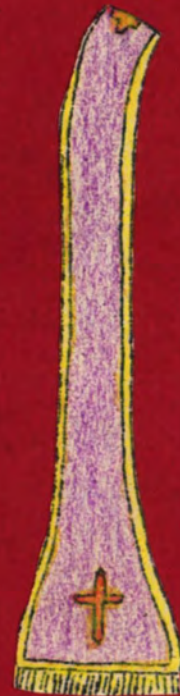
Veil - A square of cloth made from the same material as the chasuble. It covers the chalice when it is not being used during the Mass.

Sanctuary Lamp - The sanctuary lamp burns day and night before the tabernacle just as the star shone over Bethlehem to show that Jesus was there.

Amice



Linens and Coverings



Stole



Alb

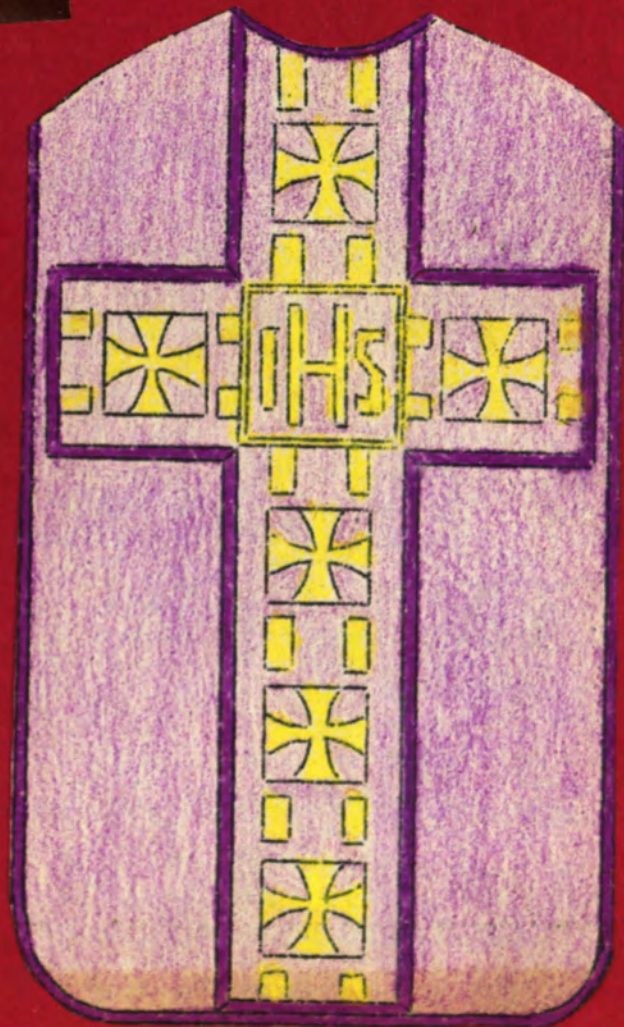


Manipule



Burse

Vestments Worn at Mass



Chasuble

The Vestments

These are special robes worn by the priest. They are like the robes worn by Christ and the Apostles.

The colors remind us of the church season, or the purpose for which the Mass is said.

White (purity) - Feasts of Our Lord and the Blessed Virgin
Gold (special feasts to honor God.)

Red (blood) - Feasts of the martyrs.

Purple (penance) - Lent and Advent.

Black (death) - Masses for the dead.

Green (hope) - No special feast.

Amice - The white cloth the priest puts over his shoulders.

Alb - A long white garment.

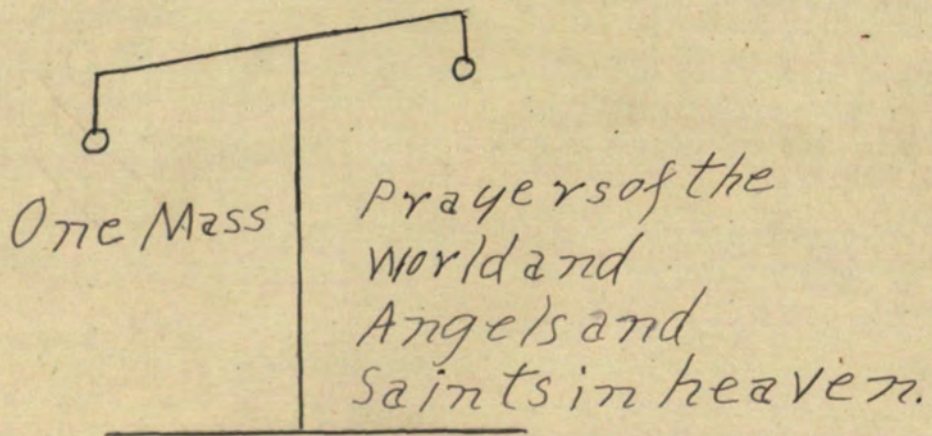
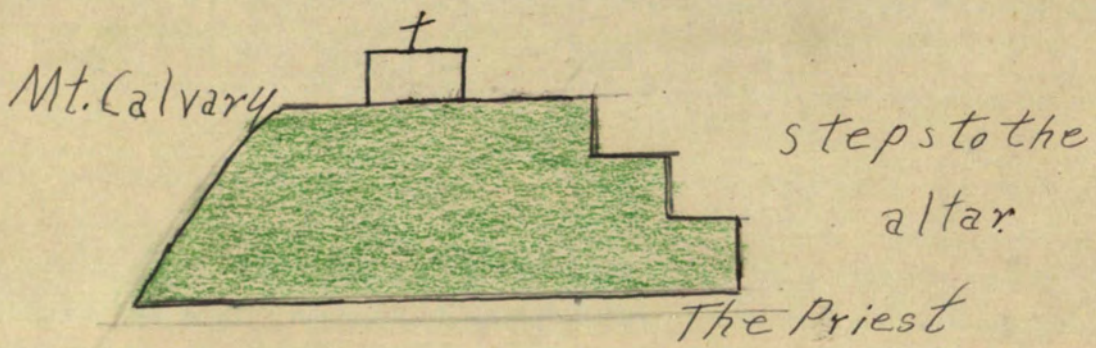
Cincture - A cord.

Maniple - Worn on the left arm.

Stole - Worn around the neck.

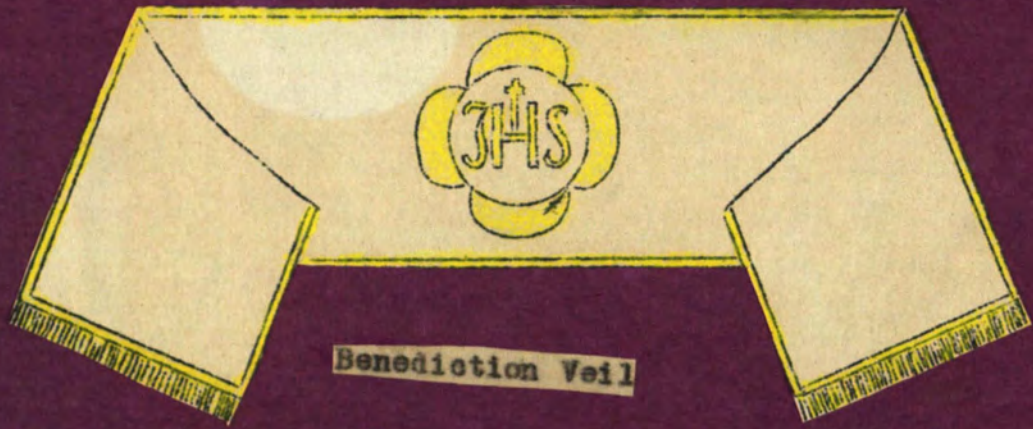


On time for Mass.

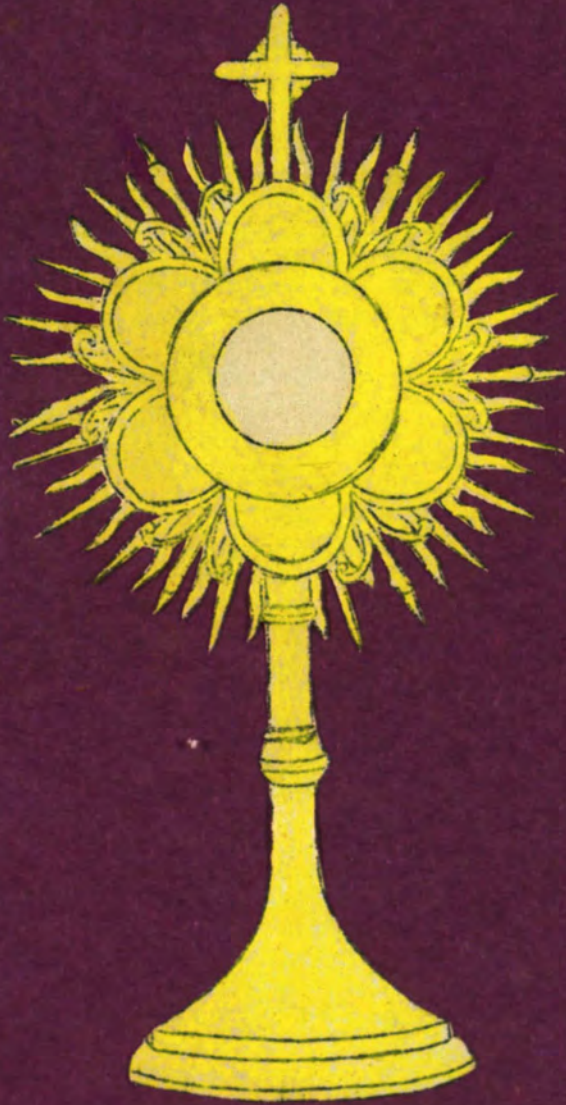


I resolve.

1. I will never miss Mass on Sundays or holy days of obligation, if I can help it.
I will be on time.
2. I will not talk, play or look around during Mass. I will not be like the soldiers who laughed at Our Lord on the Cross.
3. I will join my prayers with those of the priest. I will read the prayers of the Mass from my prayer book.
4. When I am at Mass I will think that I am at the foot of the cross standing beside the mother of Jesus.
5. The Jews offered doves and lamb to God. The early Christians made offerings to God. I will bring an offering to God and give it at the time of the Offertory. (when the box is passed.)



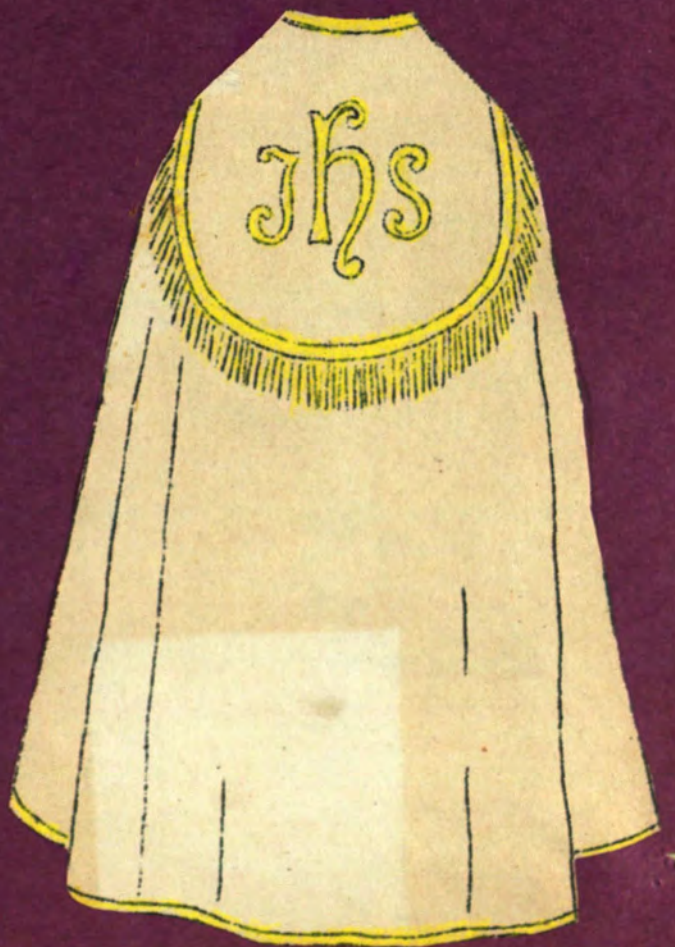
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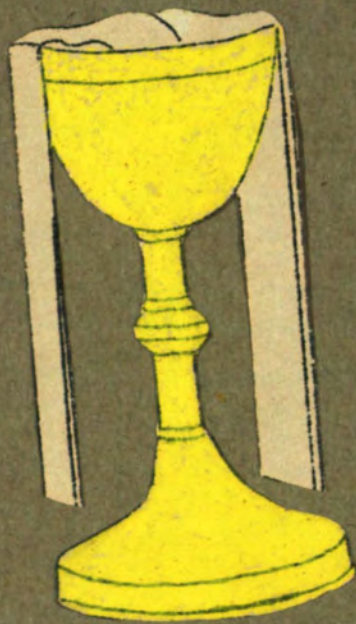
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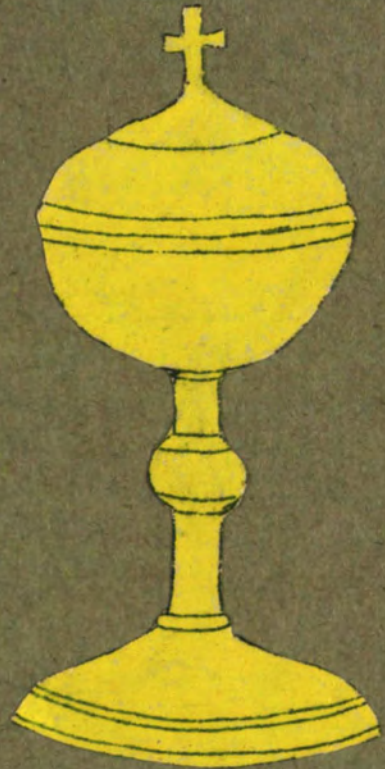
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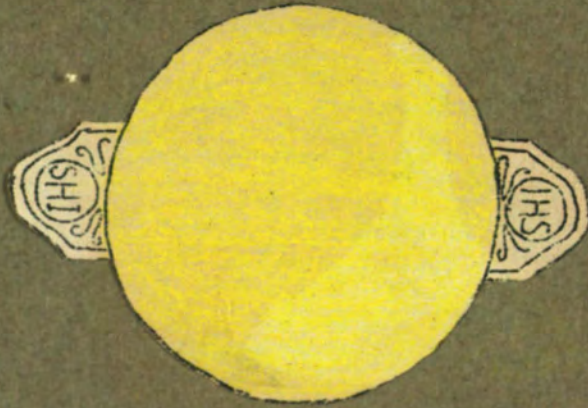
Cope



Chalice



Ciborium



Communion Plate



Boat



Gold



Red



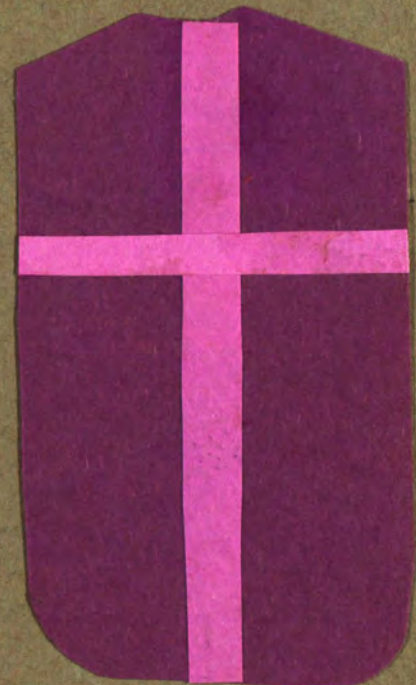
White



Black



Green



Purple