

Cleansing of the Vessels after Mass

Please remember that your responsibility as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion does not end at the conclusion of Mass. If you are in the “B2”, “B3”, and “C1” positions you are responsible for cleaning the vessels in the Sacristy after Mass.

Do not assume that others will do this for you.

- 1) The altar servers will bring the vessels to the Sacristy after Mass.
- 2) Open the Sacrarium cover.
- 3) Rinse each white purificator over the Sacrarium with tap water, insuring that the water flows into the Sacrarium drain. Hang the purificators on the racks above the sink.
- 4) Pour a little tap water into each ciborium, swirl, and pour the contents into the Sacrarium. Close the Sacrarium cover and set the ciboria aside.
- 5) Pour a little tap water into one of the chalices, swirl, and pour its contents into a second chalice. Continue this process until each chalice has been cleansed. Consume the contents of the final chalice; do not pour the Precious Blood into the Sacrarium.
- 6) Wash all the ciboria and chalices with dish soap and water; dry and put away.

These instructions for the cleaning of the vessels are also posted behind the upper cabinet door housing the ciboria.