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RECOMMENDED CARE OF SACRED VESSELS

Water or wine should not be left in a chalice for more than a few minutes during the Eucharistic Service.

Cleaning Instructions:

The chalice should be carefully wiped with a purificator both inside and outside.

In general, the best cleaner for gold plated items is a soft cloth or sponge dipped in warm, sudsy water.

The vessel should NEVER be completely immersed in water since most have cavities in the base and stem where water is easily trapped and difficult to remove. Trapped water will cause corrosion, and, as it seeps outside, will destroy the metal finish.

After wiping with a damp cloth, dry and buff with a soft dry cloth. Use a cloth made for polishing so as not to scratch any surface.

If there is any tarnish on the item, hand rub with a treated polishing cloth.

CAUTION - Wipe sparingly, as too much rubbing will remove gold plating.

Helpful Hints:

Briefly rinse the chalices after each of the masses with a baking soda and warm water paste (1 tsp baking soda & warm water in inside cup only), hand wash, then rinse and towel dry. This practice will help to neutralize the acidity of the wine without damaging the finish.

Try to keep the outside of the cups dry at all times, as water over time will break down the lacquer finish on the outside of the cup.