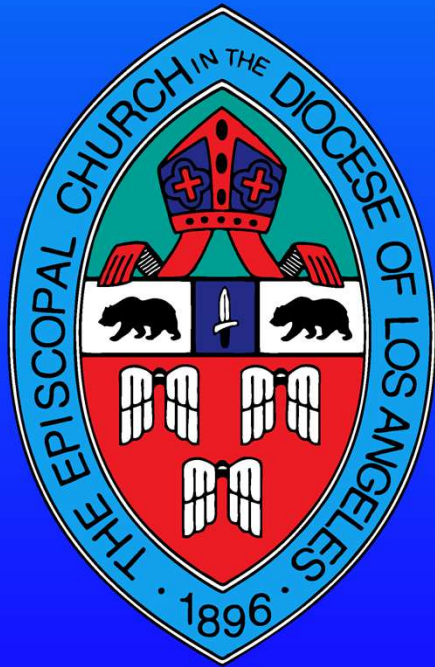


Aitar Guild



We are the Altar Guild of the Diocese of Los Angeles



We are a resource for parish altar guilds. We can come to your parish to:

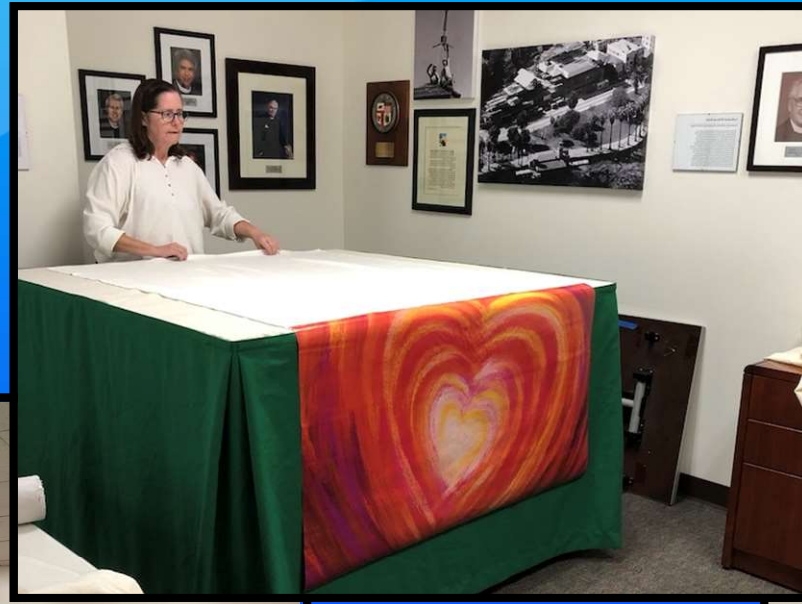
- Help train new altar guild members.
- Talk about the care of vestments, hangings, and linens
- Talk about the care of sacred vessels
- Discuss different ways to decorate the sanctuary throughout the year
- Consult about the repair of vestments and hangings
- Refer you to other resources that can assist you with your concerns.

We prepare for the Eucharist at Convention each year



Unpacking the individually wrapped gluten-free wafers





This year we needed to make a new Hungry Hearts frontal for Riverside. Many thanks to Ellen Mykkanen for all her hard work.

Folding the Linens



Polishing the silver

After we double and triple check the list, everything is ready to go onto the truck



At Convention the Eucharist is set up behind the stage (sometimes in the dark!)



And We Are Ready to Roll!



The Diocesan Altar Guild also prepares the Eucharist for consecration of Bishops – most recently for Bishop John Taylor



Setting up the Altar



Unpacking the Wine and the Host



Taking a break backstage before the service



Each Holy Week, the Altar Guild is responsible for filling the vials of chrism and unction for the Renewal of Vows



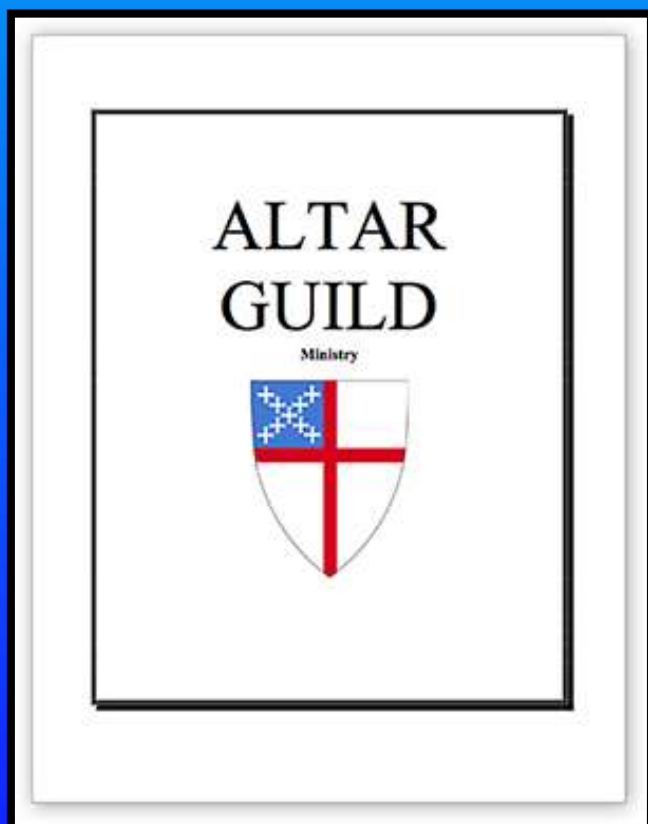
Once the oil is consecrated, we use turkey basters to fill the tiny vials



Then one vial of each type of oil is placed in a plastic bag so they can be distributed after the service

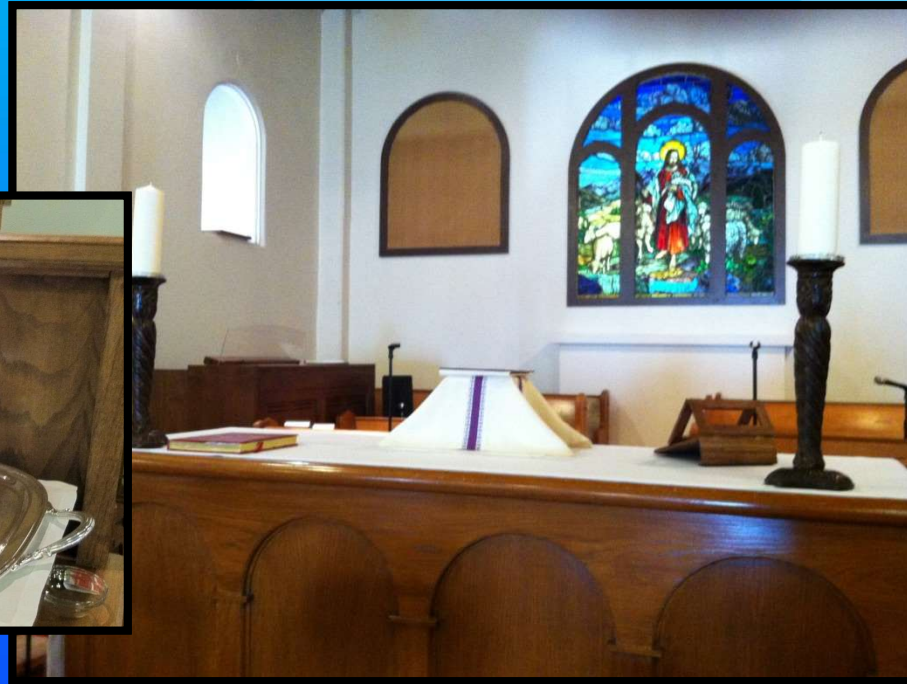


Altar Guild as a Spiritual Ministry



Consider most of our churches: most people enter at the furthest point from the altar. A much smaller pool of people has access to the sanctuary area. The area of the Sanctuary is the area that it is our privilege to serve.

The Rev. Dr. Eric Kimball
Hinds, Keynote Speaker, Province
VIII Altar Guild Meeting, September
2017



As we prepare the table and the Eucharistic meal for Christ's weekly coming, let us remember that the meals he shared and the first meals in his name were in homes, not cathedrals, homes that were often poor in furnishings but always rich in devotion. Let us remember that Christ cares little for appearance and much for the welcoming heart

Meditations for Altar Guild Members by Catherine Conklin



We are part of those people who have been set aside for service. When we offer ourselves to serve at the altar, we are offering ourselves to God as a living prayer.

By Fran McKinney

Throughout the year the Altar Guild makes stoles as a gift for those who have been newly ordained in the Diocese



The Ordinands draw numbers to select their stoles



Class of 2019



Class of 2018



Class of
2017



Class of 2016



Sometimes the Altar Guild can make or repair vestments, and a few members are available to accept commissions on more elaborate projects

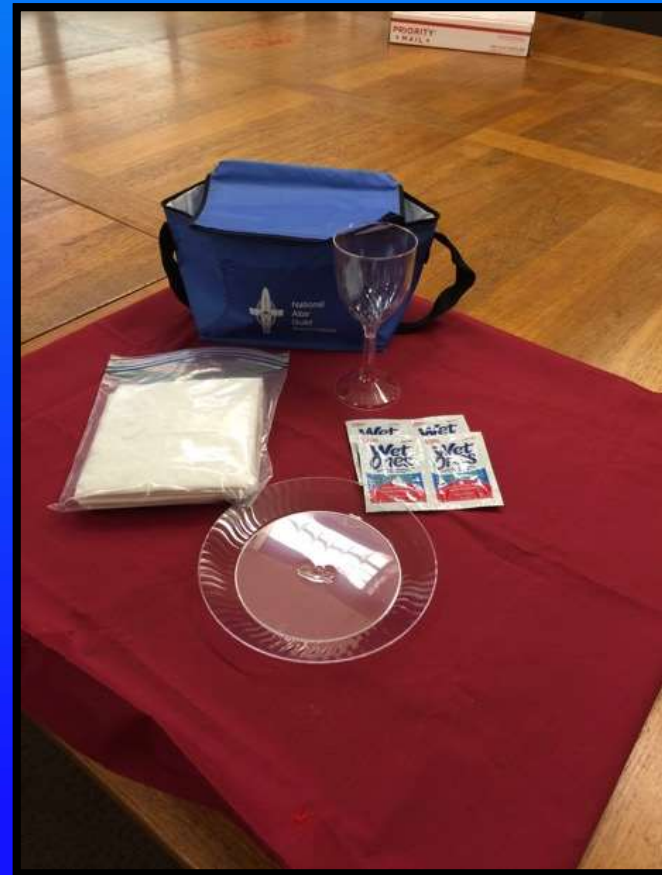




Remaking a
Beautiful
Vintage
Chausible



One of our newest ministries is making recommendations to parishes for creating emergency communion kits in case of flood, fire or earthquake.



The Altar Guild collects gently used items parishes no longer need to make them available to mission congregations.



Communion Vessels

Vestments





Frontals & Paraments



Communion linens



Fair linens



Candlesticks



Offering Plates

We invite you to
join us, every
Thursday from 10
am to 2pm at the
Cathedral Center of
St. Paul in
Echo Park



Oh God of Beauty, Love and
Peace.

Make us thankful for the
privilege of adding beauty to
Thy sanctuary,
growing in love through Thy
service, and gaining peace
from Thy presence, through
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



Altar Guild



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