1993 ANNUAL MEETING

Next year's annual meeting of altar guilds in our Diocese will be SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 1993, at St. David's, Englewood. Venice is our host Deanery. Please put this date on your calendar NOW. You will receive details at a later date.

** EXCHANGE TABLE AT CONVENTION **

This year we will have an Exchange Table at Diocesan Convention in Punta Gorda on October 9 & 10. This is one time the clergy are all together and an opportunity for them to see what is available from other churches. We ask you Altar Guilds to go through your Sacristy and find those items you no longer use and would be willing to share with another church. We hope to get vestments (in good repair), candlesticks, altar ware and linens. If you send Tall Linens, please include dimensions. Everything should be in clean, usable condition.

Ask your clergy or delegates to bring the items to convention if you are not planning to attend. Our Exchange Table will be in the display room at Convention Hall, and items may be dropped off any time after 8:30 AM on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9.

Please give the enclosed notice about the Exchange Table to your clergy. Thanks for your help.

** ALTAR GUILD CALENDAR **

Once again the Cathedral Bookstore has the 16 month (Sept.'92 - Dec.'93) ALTAR GUILD CALENDAR. It includes fascinating biographies of saints - words of spiritual wisdom - helpful hints - generous date boxes - vestment colors - and of course, the hilarious cartoons inspired by Altar Guild experiences. To get your copy contact the Bookstore (813)823-4198.

** "As many as intend to be partakers of the Holy Communion shall signify their names to the Curate, at least some **

INVENTORIES

We are all aware of the fire and vandalism which took place at St. Francis, Tampa, last January. It is a reminder to us of the importance of INVENTORIES of our Sacristies.

Photographic Inventories are highly recommended for losses from fire or theft and can be a great help in recovering stolen items. Following are some suggestions for photograph your inventory:

1. Photograph each item in color with a ruler along side to show size.
2. Make identification card showing year acquired, source, designer, engravings, hallmarks, labels, etc. where stored and current value.
4. Include an inventory of linens by number of purificators, corporals, et.

It is also important to update your inventories on a regular basis.

--adapted from "Altar Guild News" Diocese of Central Florida

** Psalm XXIII in Metre **

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green: He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore; again:
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear none ill;
For thou art with me; and thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house for evermore
My dwelling place shall be.

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