ALTARGRAM ALTAR GUILD NEWSLETTER
DIOCESE OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

JUNE 1993

Jan Wisdom began the "ALTARGRAM", a newsletter for Altar Guild members, two or three years ago. I enjoyed it and felt that it's a good source of communication; therefore, it will be continued.

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HERE'S SOME EXCITING NEWS!

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We welcome Elizabeth Brockel to the Diocesan Board. Dean Birtch appointed Elizabeth to serve as the Clearwater Deanery Directress for a period of three years.

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Gill Boissoneault has been appointed to serve on the Diocesan Board as Supply Chairman. Basically, her job will be to relocate items not used at a parish, but could be used at a mission. At the present time we are seeking a place for a Supply Closet.

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Have you cleaned out the closets, nooks or attics lately? Many parishes are overflowing with items no longer used. We have missions in need of different things:

- North Tampa Mission - would like a Baptismal Font and a simple Processional Cross
- St. James - Tampa - would like frontals - at least 85" long

If there are missions in your deanery in need of anything, please let me know or Gill. (Address and telephone number will be at the end of the Altargram.)

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We will have the "SWAP TABLE" at convention. It was successful last year. All items contributed should be in fairly good condition, or at least in repairable condition. On the linens - it would be helpful if the size and name of the linen piece, could be printed on a card. This would save the time of unfolding/rolling each piece of linen donated.

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DEANERY DIRECTRESS:

PLEASE SEND ME A LIST OF THE ALTAR GUILD DIRECTRESS IN YOUR DEANERY; NAME, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER AND PARISH/MISSION. PLEASE DO THIS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU.

DON'T FORGET
The ALTARGRAMS will be mailed to the Deanery Directress'. PLEASE share it with your parishes/missions by way of mailing, or as a handout, if a deanery meeting is scheduled soon. PLEASE stress to the directress' that they share all pertinent information with their members. Too many members are not being informed of deanery meetings, annual meetings and other events that is of interest.

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TERRIFIC!

YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU ARE MISSING IF YOU ARE NOT A SUBSCRIBER TO THE NATIONAL ALTAR GUILD NEWSLETTER!!!!!!

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NEED BRASS REFINISHED?

I HIGHLY RECOMMEND:

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His fee is very reasonable.

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WASHING CHURCH LINENS

Formulas for treating stains:

1. Rust Stains: Put 1 cup of water in a pot, add 2 teaspoons of cream of tartar and bring to a boil. Set the pot aside and put soiled linen in the pot. Allow to soak. When the water cools, the stain (God willing) will be gone.

2. Variety of stains: “Magic Formula” in a quart jar, measure 1/4 cup of Granular Tide, 1/4 cup white vinegar and 3-1/2 cups of water. Shake well. Soak small linens in a small bowl, covering linens with the “Magic Formula”. Soak, if necessary, over night.

3. Lipstick Stains: Try soaking the spot in club soda for a time.

4. Scorches: For a small light scorch, dampen it with cool water and dry in the sun. Deep scorching destroys the fibers of the material, so anything badly scorched will have to be discarded. Remember to give this linen to your team leader. She will turn it over to the supply chairman to be burned and the ashes scattered on the earth or washed down the piscina.

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