

Tridentine Community News

May 30, 2021 – Trinity Sunday

Historic French Vestment Set Put to Use



When Fr. Cy Whitaker, SJ agreed to celebrate the Pentecost Sunday Mass for the Oakland County Latin Mass Association at Orchard Lake's Shrine Chapel, he had an interesting request: Could he wear an historic red chasuble? It turns out that this particular vestment has an interesting history: Fr. Cy discovered this chasuble in France before being ordained a priest. He felt compelled to purchase and preserve it because of its unique incorporation of red roses, a reminder of the longstanding tradition in Rome's Pantheon of dropping thousands of rose petals from a hole in the ceiling on Pentecost Sunday, to represent the tongues of fire that descended upon the disciples.



Fr. Cy also brought along an ornate red chalice pall with an image of Jesuit patron St. Ignatius of Loyola. Interestingly, this item looks old but is actually newly made, intended to look like an antique.

Current Era Vestment Vendors of Note

With all of the talk about and appreciation for antique vestments, one might wonder whether there are new vestments being made in a traditional style. The answer is a resounding yes: In fact, the age

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of the Internet has given us more options that we could ever have imagined.

There have long been companies, religious orders, and laywomen who have specialized in the custom manufacture of traditional



vestment sets. Fr. Peter Hrytsyk of the St. Benedict Tridentine Community is partial to Toronto's Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate

(www.ssmi.org),

who custom make vestments using fabrics from New York City's famed La Lame

Inc. The elaborate vestment sets that are used around Windsor and Metro Detroit for special events are from Fr. Peter's collection of vestments made by these nuns. These are the among the best vestments money can buy, with sets costing in the multiple thousands of dollars. They will last a lifetime, however, so they are a solid investment. Fr. Mark Borkowski of Our Lady of the Scapular favors similar vestments made by a laywoman from Waterloo, Ontario operating under the name, The Vestry.

Vendors serving a middle ground, balancing price vs. quality, include Poland's www.vestments.pl and Australia's www.susanmaria.com. Some of these companies can have long lead times on delivery, so be sure to ask before placing an order.

Without a doubt, the organization that has had the most impact on the world of traditional vestments in recent years is India's www.catholicliturgical.com. Run by a gentleman who calls himself "Frank",

Catholic Liturgicals turns out a gigantic variety of vestments of all styles and colors, for breathtakingly low prices. For example, Low Mass sets (including chasuble, stole, maniple, burse, and chalice veil) go for \$100 (!) - \$400

Design : Dro Price Starts at : US\$ 99.99

www.catholicliturgical.com

Product Details

The Set consists of a Fiddleback Chasuble, Chalice Veil, Maniple, Burse and Stole. The material of the garments is made of Damask / Brocade fabric with Cross designs. The embroidery are made of Metallic Gold trims and the center motif is hand made with metallic Gold/ Silver yarn directly on the fabric.

Available Colors

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each, occasionally discounted up to 20% less during their periodic sales. While these vestments are not going to last as long as custom vestments, their extremely low cost and respectable artistic appearance has allowed many Latin Mass communities to stock up their closets with a complete set of vestments in all liturgical colors for a fraction of the cost, and much more quickly, than custom vestment vendors could offer.

Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Fri. 06/04 7:00 PM: High Mass at *Old St. Mary's* (St. Francis Caracciolo, Confessor) – Celebrant: Fr. Joe Tuskiewicz. Choir will sing Gregorian Mass XI.