

Precious Blood Spillage Guidelines – January 28, '08

Spillage of Precious Blood of Christ:

If you drop or spill the Precious Blood – **DO NOT PANIC! Be reverent as to how you react.**

- Your demeanor will reassure those communicants in line or, in particular, the person who may have caused the spill. Delay the Communion line as little as possible.

Use your purificator to cover the spill. Leave purificator flat on the floor. If you need to use both hands for the cleanup, please place the chalice on the altar first. Go to the altar and get another purificator and continue to distribute the Precious Blood.

If it is a very large spill, use your purificator and the altar's purificator, and ask the communicant to proceed to another cup minister. If necessary use the towel on the credence table to absorb the spill.

Clean up the space as best you can with the purificator and towel. Leave the purificator and/or towel on the floor, so you can be aware where the spill occurred. Clean the area after mass.

Clean the Spillage After Mass:

Get a moist purificator or towel and carefully scrub the area **with only water** where the spill occurred.

- You **may not** use soap to clean the spillage.

Take the cleaning cloths, purificators and/or towels to the work sacristy, rinse them in sacrarium, and place in the linen container (laundry basket).