

## Care and Handling of the New Sacred Vessels



St. Brigid of Kildare parish has made a major investment in new Sacred Vessels for the celebration of the Eucharist. These sacred cups and bowls are made of precious metal and scratch easily. These vessels require gentle, careful cleaning to ensure their continued use. Thank you for your assistance in cleaning them according to these new procedures.

### Important:

- Please carry them to or from Church two at a time and only two at a time.
- Only trained Eucharistic Ministers are permitted to wash/rinse sacred vessels. Any Eucharistic Minister may dry. Please make sure you dry them thoroughly.
- Jewelry can scratch the sacred vessels, so please avoid impact between the vessels and your rings, bracelets, and watches. Do not scrub the vessels with your hands or use anything other than a soft wash cloth provided.
- Do not stack the bowls inside each other unless they are in their protective covering. This is very important to prevent scratching. They are gold on the inside and silver on the outside.
- Children should never handle any of the sacred vessels.

### Washing the Sacred Vessels

**Please do not immerse the sacred vessels in water as it could damage the cross emblems on the side of the cups and water could seep into the bottom of the cups. The bowls have fragile felt 'feet' on the bottom that could be damaged.**

1. Place a dry towel out flat on the counter before you begin.
2. Fill the sink with soapy water and soak a wash cloth.
3. Pick up one vessel at a time and wash **the inside only** taking great care not to immerse it or get water on the outside of the vessel.
4. With the Chalice and cups, wipe only the top 2 inches of the outside top rim while tipping the Chalice or cup downward so the water drips out and not down the side of the vessel.
5. Fill the vessel with running water to rinse the **inside**. Please also rinse the outside 2 inch rim of the Chalice or cup.

**Please be careful not to get water on the cross emblem on the side of the cups.**

6. Turn the vessels upside down on a dry cloth.
7. Carefully dry the sacred vessels.
8. Wrap each vessel in its protective cloth liner and return to the Sacristy closet after 5:00 p.m. and 12:15 masses. The bowls may be stacked inside each other once in the liners.