

WELCOME TO THE RECLAMATION CENTER

OUR MISSION

TO COLLECT, CARE FOR AND REPURPOSE RELIGIOUS AND LITURGICAL ITEMS NO LONGER IN USE, GIVING THESE ITEMS, NEW LIFE IN THE CHURCH, SPECIFICALLY IN PARISHES, CHAPELS, AGENCIES, SCHOOLS, RETREAT CENTERS AND WITH THE CLERGY.

OUR HOURS OF OPERATION

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p. m.

Please Note: Due to the nature of Deacon's ministry, there are time the center must be closed unexpectedly. Please feel free to visit our website at:

<https://www.archstl.org/about/offices-and-agencies/worship-office-of-reclamation-center/>.

HERE' HOW TO REACH US

Please feel free consult with one of the center's Coordinators for more information.

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WONT YOU PLEASE MAKE A DONATION FOR THE ITEMS YOU HAVE SELECTED FOR YOUR USE?

You will find that there are no “price tags” on these items at the Center. However, if you do claim items from our shelves, PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION IN RETURN.

- A valuable starting point might be, “How much would I have to pay for this item if I bought it in a retail store or online?” Then, prayerfully consider making a donation for some percentage of that amount.
- In the case of some of the larger and most valuable Church furnishings and liturgical items in our inventory Category One and two, the Office of Sacred Worship will provide guidance regarding an appropriate (or minimum) donation amount.
- Your generous contribution helps us to cover the operational and administrative expenses associated with the Reclamation Center.
- You may donate at the time of your visit, or you may use an envelope at the desk by the front door to mail in your donation.
- We are so incredibly grateful for your support of our efforts to put these items back into proper use within the Church of Saint Louis and beyond.

WE GLADLY ACCEPT YOUR DONATIONS OF LITURGICAL ITEMS!

We depend on the generosity of Individuals, Parishes, Religious Orders, Schools, Chapels, and Oratories to help us “stock the shelves.”

- Donations are accepted at the Center during our normal hours of operation or by appointment.
- We encourage you to search through your closets, cabinets and storage spaces for items that are no longer using ... and bring them to us to give them new life in the Church.

WHAT ABOUT DAMAGED OR WORN-OUT LITURGICAL ITEMS?

Cannon Law states that:

Sacred objects, which are designated for divine worship by dedication or blessing, are to be treated reverently.

Sometimes, after many years of use, an item may begin to show significant wear and may no longer be useable. In this case, we take great care in disposing of the item, understanding that what has been dedicated to God should be returned to God, in much the same way a person's dead body is committed to the earth.

Never should one just "throw out" what has been dedicated to God.

- The Reclamation Center will accept these items on a limited basis and arrange for "pious disposal" in a manner fitting the sacred nature for the item.
- For more information, please speak with the Reclamation Center Coordinators and we can guide you.

LARGER ITEMS

The Reclamation Center is limited in moving larger items. It is responsibility of the donor and/or receiver to arrange transportation and moving of the items.

SOME ITEMS AT THE CENTER ARE FOR "RESTRICTED USE ONLY"

There are some uses for a specific item, which might be appropriate, and others, which might not be suitable. Accordingly, we have designated some items at the Reclamation Center as "Restricted Use Only" and these are reserved for liturgical use by Parishes, Religious Orders, or Approved Oratories, not for home or personal use.

BROWSE OUR COLLECTION ONLINE!

Over 3,500 individual items have been photographed and cataloged. All items are tracked as they arrive and when they leave so that we can be good stewards of these sacred objects. You can browse through some elements of our collection below. There are an image of items and a pdf of the current catalog of items. The

descriptions include the name of the image, the condition, and an image is included as well.

Please keep in mind that our collections changes week-to-week, so it is best to contact one of the Center's Coordinators to determine if an item in which you have interest is still available. There are some uses for a specific item, which might be appropriate, and others, which might not be suitable. Accordingly, we have designated some items at the Center as "Restricted Use Only." This means that they are reserved for liturgical use by Parishes, Religious Orders, or approved Oratories, not for home or personal use. As a rule, Clergy and Professed Religious may only claim Restricted Use Items. If a layperson is locating and claiming items on behalf of a Parish or other legitimate Catholic institution, we request a letter from the leadership of that organization.

You can access the catalog at <https://www.archstl.org/about/offices-and-agencies/worship-office-of-reclamation-center/>. You can select a specific category or search the catalog by using CTRL+F

REQUESTING AND RESERVING ITEMS

All item requests and reservations can be made for a three-month period.

GUIDELINES

Church Items

Church items are "restricted use only." this means that they are reserved for liturgical use by Parishes, Religious Orders, or approved Oratories, not for home or personal use. Items acquired for another diocese will require a written request from the diocese ordinary. The following items (Director Approval and Pastor Approval) are Church Items. Please consult Reclamation Center Coordinators

Director Approval

These items require written request to the Director of the Office of Sacred Worship and written approval from the Director of the Office of Sacred Worship:

Pastor Approval

These items require written approval from the director of the parish or other legitimate catholic institution. Requested items that are moving outside the Archdiocese require director's approval:

Individual Items

Individual items are separated into two categories—clergy items and laity items, for use by those groups only.

Clergy Items

These items are restricted to persons that have been ordained to Holy Orders. With permission from the director of the Office of Sacred Worship, seminarians studying for the priesthood maybe authorized. If a layperson is locating and claiming items on behalf of a parish or other legitimate Catholic institutions, we request a letter from the leadership of that organization:

Laity Items

These items are those items that have been donated that are more for Personal use, PSR and School Religion programs, office use, and in some cases the home. Many of these items are not photographed, but if you call the Reclamation Center, the coordinators are able to let you know what we might have.

Church use only! Requires Director of Office of Sacred Worship written permission.

Altar, Altar Stone, Crozier, Icon, Miter, Relic, Stain Glass, Tabernacle

Church use only! Requires Pastor written permission.

Altar Rail, Ambo, Baptism Font, Pew, Pulpit, Reliquary, Sanctuary Lamp, Sanctuary Lamp Stand, Sconce, Unction, Vestment Rack, Vestment Table

Restricted to Clergy usage or Director of Office of Sacred Worship written permission.

Ablution Cup, Alb, Ambry, Amessa, Amice, Aspergillum, Aspersorium, Bugia, Chalice, Chasuble, Chrismatory, Ciborium, Cope, Dalmatic, Host Box, Humeral Veil, Intinctorium, Luna, Manuterge, Mass Kit, Monstrance, Ostensorium, Paten, Podium, Processional Crucifix, Priedieu, Sedilia, Station of the Cross, Stole, Vestment, Viaticum Case, Votive

Laity usage with Pastor written permission.

Altar Linen, Altar Vessel, Ash Holder, Baptism, Bell, Book, Blessing, Liturgical Book, Candle Follower, Candle Lighter, Candle Stand, Candle Stick, Cape, Cassock, Censer, Chalice Pall, Chalice Veil, Clergy Apparel, Communion Cup, Corporal, Crown of Thorn, Large Crucifix, Cruet, Cup, Decanter, Donation Box, Flag, Funeral Pall, Furniture, Hand Towel, Hymn Board, Lavabo, Lectern, Purificator, Pyx, Pyx Burse, Sanctuary Lamp, Globe Stand, Statue, Statue Cover, Surplice, Tabernacle Veil, Tabor, Thurible, Tray, Vase, Vestment Case

Laity usage.

Advent, Antependium, Banner, Basket, Book, Booklet, Bowl, Candle, Candle Holder, Choir Robes, Cincture, Small and Medium Crucifix, Doll, Fan, Figurine, Holy Water, Hymnal Missalette, Lamp, Medal, Missal, Musical Instrument, Nativity, Pedestal, Pendant, Picture, Plaque, Plate, Platter, Portrait, Religious Articles, Rosary