

ST. CHARLES PASTORAL CENTER GUIDELINES FOR DECORATIONS IN THE CHAPEL

Liturgical Documents tell us that the Altar is the center and focal point of our worship space and in every Church or Chapel the Altar has been dedicated for sacred use.

Thus, it is important to keep in mind that at all times we reverence the Altar for its sacred purpose. Only items used during the celebration of the Mass and other liturgical Rites should be placed on the Altar.

To this end, we remind those who use the Chapel at the St. Charles Pastoral Center to respect the sacredness of the Altar by following the guidelines below:

- ❖ Never place anything on the Altar that is not used during Mass or other liturgical Rites
- ❖ Never use the Altar for hanging fabric or objects
- ❖ If you place objects on the Altar steps, keep in mind that the priest will be walking up and down the steps to venerate the Altar, his way should never be impeded
- ❖ Decorations that are used around the Altar should be simple and reflect the respect we have for the Altar and Chapel
- ❖ Always remember the sacred purpose of the Altar and the reverence that we allow it

Should you have any questions about the decorations you wish to use in the Chapel at the St. Charles Pastoral Center, please contact Sister Sharon Marie Stola, OSB in the Office of Divine Worship and Catechumenate (815) 838-7089.