

Clergy Dress Code

Here is a dictionary of Church vestments and other items.

Cotta

Similar to surplice, but shorter, especially in the sleeves. Sometimes used by clergy and servers in place of surplice.

Girdle

A cord used to secure the Alb or cassock round the waist.

Hood

Worn by clergy at choir offices (Mattins and Evensong, etc.). Was a medieval head-dress, as name implies, but now worn hanging down the back. It denotes a university degree. Each has its distinctive colour.

Maniple

Originally a napkin. It was worn over the left arm by Bishops, Priests and Deacons at the Eucharist. It probably came into church use to cleanse the vessels after the stole had developed as described below.

Mitre

The head-dress of a Bishop. Mitres are tongue-shaped and remind us of the tongues of fire which lighted on the Apostles at Pentecost.

Orphreys

The embroidered strips, usually cross shaped, on a Chasuble.

Rochet

Worn by Bishops. It is like an alb, but it used without girdle or apparels.

Stole

Was once a napkin or towel carried by servants on the left shoulder. It became folded and narrow. As Deacon's duty was to clean the sacred vessels they wear it over the left shoulder. Priests wear the stole over both shoulders. The stole is worn at all the Sacraments.

Surplice

Of white linen, reaching to the knee. Is worn by choir and servers as well as clergy.

Tippet

The black scarf worn with the hood at the choir offices, etc.



Deacons



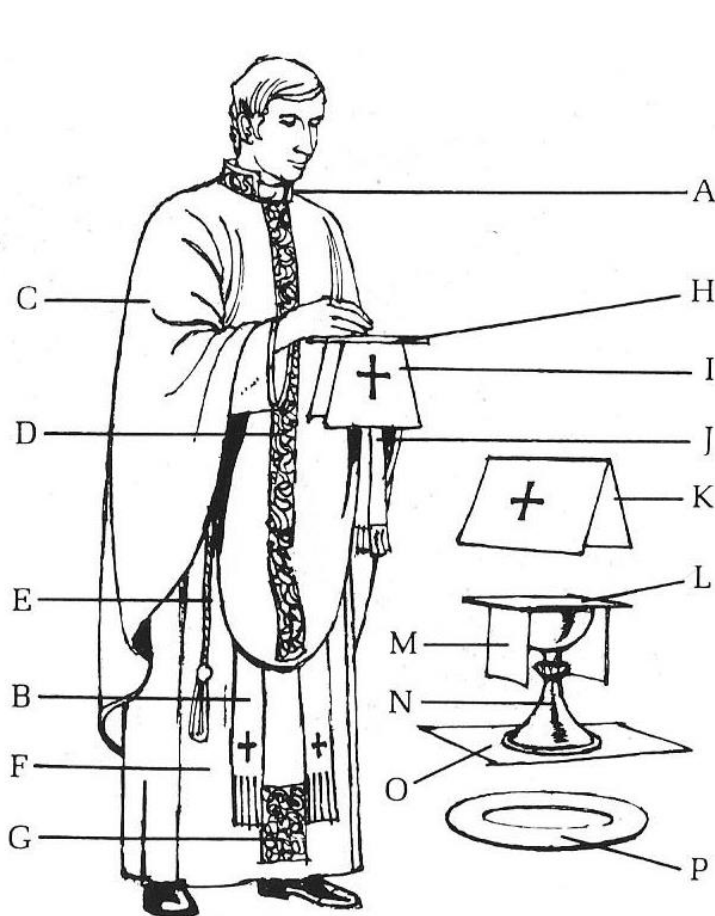
Definition: A Deacon can be a newly ordained member of Clergy awaiting Priesting or an individual can choose to stay as Deacon. A Deacon assists the Priest to celebrate Mass. Deacons cannot Consecrate the Elements at Mass or perform Weddings. **Here within The United Liberal Catholic Church International we require all our clergy to wear there clerical shirts and collars whenever they are running Church errands and it is advisable to wear the clerical shirt and collar as much as is possible.**

Shirt Colour: Grey

Stole: Deacon Stole

Other: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Priest



- A. Amice
- B. Stole
- C. Chasuble
- D. Orphrey
- E. Girdle
- F. Alb
- G. Apparel
- H. Burse
- I. Veil
- J. Maniple
- K. Burse
- L. Pall
- M. Purificator
- N. Chalice
- O. Corporal
- P. Paten

Stole: Priests Stole

Episcopal Ring:

Staff:

Other: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Definition: Here within The United Liberal Catholic Church International we require all our clergy to wear their clerical shirts and collars whenever they are running Church errands and it is advisable to wear the clerical shirt and collar as much as is possible.

Shirt Colour: Black

Pectoral Cross:

Mitre:

Cope:

Bishops



- A. Mitre
- B. Episcopal ring
- C. Pectoral Cross
- D. Stole
- E. Girdle
- F. Alb
- G. Cope
- H. Appasal
- I. Crozier or pastoral staff

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Shirt Colour: Purple

Pectoral Cross:

Mitre:

Cope:

Stole: Priests Stole

Episcopal Ring:

Staff:

Other: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Presiding Bishops



- A. Mitre
- B. Episcopal ring
- C. Pectoral Cross
- D. Stole
- E. Girdle
- F. Alb
- G. Cope
- H. Apparat
- I. Crozier or pastoral staff

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Shirt Colour: Purple

Pectoral Cross:

Mitre:

Cope:

Stole: Priests Stole

Episcopal Ring:

Staff:

Other: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)