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Reconsider the necessity to cover all items on the sanctuary with drapes in the colour of the season.

- * Is the altar made of beautiful stone?
- * Could a simple white altar cloth highlight this? GIRM # 304
- * Rethink how else the colours of the season can be displayed?
- * Is the ambo made of a similar stone or wood as the altar?
- * Does this need to be covered with material or can the beauty of the stone be shown to all?

The ornamentation of a church should contribute toward its noble simplicity rather than to ostentation. *GIRM# 292*

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Resources for Liturgy Committees

To foster growth in the liturgical ministers, ensure there is a copy or multiple copies of 'The General Instruction of the Roman Missal Final Text With Application for Australia.' published by St Pauls Publications 2012, are available so ministers can explore the instructions and gain the correct directive.

There is a comprehensive list of resources complied on this website.

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Consider the needs of the liturgy when placing vases, banners or anything on the sanctuary. The item could easily become an obstacle to be avoided instead of something that enhances the prayerful environment.

Floral decoration should always show moderation and be arranged around the altar rather than on the altar table.

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