

# *Dear Father...*

Growing up I seem to remember the chalice on the altar either from the beginning of Mass, usually daily Mass, or brought to the altar during offertory; but it was veiled, with the Pall then the Paten (with unconsecrated Eucharist bread on it...the one held up during the Mass) , then the Purificator, and finally the Chalice. After the collection the Ciborium (with unconsecrated bread) and the cruets were brought up.

I have not seen a veiled Chalice used at a Mass in many years. I can't remember the last church we went to that used a veil. Has that been done away with? Was it Vatican II or just a tradition that slowly went away?

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Thank you for the good question...

The "Veil" can be on the Chalice on the side table for the celebration of Mass.

The role of the "Veil" on the Chalice is only a decoration or for safety and protection. It is an accessory or "extra item" like we get for our cars or cell phones etc.

So, the veil has no primary purpose at the celebration of the Mass, but for decoration or to make it look nice.

In the Revised Sacramentary –2011 No: 306, Page No: 60 is about instruction about the requirements of the items says, (only) Chalice, pattern, corporal, purificator and the ciborium and pall, but nothing about the "veil".

Of course, I know in some churches we see the veil is used, but it is only an accessory item.

God Bless !

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