

**Diocesan Altar Guild
Report to the 225th Annual Diocesan Convention**

The Diocesan Altar Guild is composed of all members of individual parish Altar Guilds within the Diocese. Board members represent each Convocation. We hold two meetings a year in the spring and fall which rotate throughout the Diocese. Additionally, an Annual Meeting is held at the Cathedral each year. The sewing/embroidery room is located at St. Paul's, Westfield, NJ where members make chasubles, stoles, etc.

The Annual Meeting was held October 20, 2008 with the Eucharist celebrated by the Rt. Rev. Sylvestre Romero who also presented our program following the Eucharist; business meeting and continental breakfast in Synod Hall. The highlights of that meeting include a thank you to Mrs. Sarah Hockings for her years of service as Treasurer of the Diocesan Altar Guild and a welcome to our new Treasurer, Mr. John Drew. The Guild supplied several vestment sets during the past year in response to clergy requests. A tropical weight set was taken to San Juan, Puerto Rico by Nancy Gorman while she was attending a national ECW event.

The DAG, with the support of Bishop Council, voted to establish a "Bishop's Closet" in the coming year. This project would supply items no longer needed in some of our parishes for the emergent need of other parishes/missions due to fire, flood, etc. Another project being undertaken is the making of a Lenten/Festal frontal as a gift to the Cathedral.

Please visit the DAG display table at Convention to view some of the vestments made this past year and speak to one of the representatives regarding any special requests for same. Additionally, we are in desperate need for an individual to volunteer to be a representative on the Board from Atlantic, Northern and Watchung Convocations. Please consider accepting a position which only entails attending three meetings a year.

Respectfully submitted,
Nanci Miller, Directress