ALTAR CLOTH

Tonight, as we dedicate this beautiful altar cloth, let us direct our attention to the altar which it will adorn, and to its special meaning to ourselves, our order, and the Christian world today.

Down through the ages, from the beginning of mankind, an altar has been the focal point of worship, prayer and sacrificial offering. Christian worship, although it does not embrace the early sacrificial concept, has maintained the altar with its special historical and religious significance. Our order, also, gives the altar the most prominent position on the floor and the most prominent position in the conduct of its work. Those among us who seem most fully to understand the great Christian principles and whose lives reflect a singular purity go to considerable effort to beautify and adorn the altar, for in this way, it is possible to express appreciation for the value and beauty of prayer to the individual.

The altar is a place of prayer, where each willing heart and soul who comes may seek communion with our Heavenly Father. It is here that inspiration, strength and hope may come to those who kneel before it. The heroines* of our order found great strength, faith, and courage through the power of prayer. A beautiful altar cloth not only expresses our knowledge of the beauty of communion with God in prayer, but also serves to direct our thoughts and attentions to this holy place.

As we dedicate this beautiful altar cloth may we also dedicate a portion of our everyday lives to prayer, that we may give praise to God continually, seek in every good work to do His Will, that our God may be well pleased.

*In place of heroines you may substitute leaders, founders, guides, etc.