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PURIFICATION OF THE SACRED VESSELS

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There have been questions regarding the purification of the sacred vessels. The norms for purification are found in the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, no. 279, which states:

"The sacred vessels are purified by the priest, deacon, or an instituted acolyte after Communion or after Mass, insofar as possible at the credence table. The purification of the chalice is done with water alone or with wine and water, which is then drunk by whoever does the purification. The paten is usually wiped clean with the purification."