THE MEANING OF THE PRIESTLY GARMENTS

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The Priestly Garments

• The Mitre is the Bishop's hat.

• This funny looking hat actually has meaning. Its strange shape symbolizes the tongues of fire that came upon the disciples on the Day of Pentecost.

• The tassels that flow down the shoulders symbolizes the anointing coming from the head of the church flowing down to the body, its members.
• Another meaning of the Mitre is that both Old and New Covenants "meet" together.

• The New fulfilling the Old. The shape of the Mitre is that of two mountains (Old Covenant at Mount Sinai and New Covenant at Mount Calvary) meeting together.

• The two bands at the back represent the two covenants.
THE CROSS

- The Pectoral Cross is easy to understand.
- Without the cross we are dead in our sins.
- The cross pressed to his chest, reminds the Bishop that in his heart he must hold dear the sacrifice of Christ and must preach Christ and Him Crucified.
• The Crosier is the Bishop's Rod and Staff. It reminds the Bishop that he is the shepherd of the sheep. It is his duty to comfort and correct the sheep.
• The Bishop's Ring is the reminder that the Bishop, like Christ, is married to the bride.

• The Bishop must be committed to the church and must be faithful to her and refuse to commit adultery with the world's teachings.
CIVIC ATTIRE

For Bishop Ordinaries and Coadjutors

• Roman Red Purple Breast Front or Clerical Shirt with Pontiff #3 Collar

• Black Suit, Shoes, Socks

• Appointments:

All Gold with Amethyst Settings
CIVIC ATTIRE

For Suffragan Bishop and Auxiliary Bishop

• Roman Red Purple Breast Front or Clerical Shirt with Pontiff #3 Collar

• Black Suit, Shoes, Socks

• Appointments: Gold with Amethyst Settings
CIVIC ATTIRE

For Overseers

• English Blue Purple Neckband Clergy Shirt w/ Pontiff #2 Collar

• Black Suit, Shoes and Socks

• Scarlet Cross Cord with Silver Cross
CIVIC ATTIRE

- For Ordained Elders (Includes Pastors)
- Black Neckband Clergy Shirt w/ Pontif #2 Collar
- Black Suit, Shoes and Socks
- Black Cord & Silver Cross (Reformation Dependant)
CIVIC ATTIRE

- Licensed Ministers
- Black Tab Collar Clergy Shirt
- Black Suit, Shoes and Socks
The Alb means "white tunic." It speaks of purity and righteousness. The minister, though he is subject to sin, trusts in Christ's finish work that makes him righteous in God's sight. The Alb covers his whole body, except his feet. His feet is exposed to remind him that, though he is forgiven, he must give an account of his walk with God.
The Cincture

- Is worn about the waist of the Cassock. It is a girdle and symbol of that with which our Lord “girded Himself… with a towel to wash His disciple’s feet.”
THE CASSOCK

- Is a close fitting garment, reaching the feet, and may be worn by all clergy as a symbol of the servant.

- **Symbolism:** The servant’s garment; represents humility, simplicity of heart, and commitment to service.

- **Origin:** Deriving from a 5th cent A.D. French origin, the cassock as it came to be known saw exclusive use in the church around the 12th cent A.D., after it had been commonly laid aside.
PRESIDING PRELATE

• Red Cassock
  w/ 33 cloth-covered buttons
• Red Cincture w/ Red Fringe
• White Rochet w/ Red Wristbands
• Red Chimere
• Red Tippet
  (Church Seal on left side/
Presider’s Seal on right)
• Red Zucchetto
BISHOP ORDINARIES
AND COADJUTORS

• Roman-Purple Cassock w/
  33 cloth-covered buttons
• Roman-Purple Cincture w/
  Roman-Purple Fringe
• Rochet w/ Scarlet Wristbands
• Scarlet Chimere
• Black Tippet
• (Church Seal on left side/Bishop’s Seal on right)
• Roman-Purple Zucchetto
• Green and Gold Pectoral Cord
SUFFRAGAN AND AUXILIARY BISHOPS

- Roman-Purple Cassock w/
  33 cloth-covered buttons
- Roman-Purple Cincture w/
  Roman-Purple Fringe
- Rochet w/ Scarlet Wristbands
- Scarlet Chimere
- Black Tippet
  (Church Seal on left side/Bishop’s Seal on right)
- Roman-Purple Zucchetto
- Green and Gold Pectoral Cord

FIRE INTERNATIONAL
FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES AND MINISTERS
THE OVERSEEERS

- English Blue Purple Cassock w/
  33 cloth-covered buttons
- English Blue Purple Cincture w/
  Blue-Purple Fringe
- White Rochet w/Black Wristbands
- Black Chimere
- Black Tippet
  (Church Seal on left side/
  Bishop’s Seal on Right)
- Blue Purple Zucchetto
CIVIC ATTIRE

ORDAINED MINISTER

PASTOR or ORDAINED ELDERs

FIRE INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES AND MINISTERS
The Clerical Shirt was invented by a Rev. Dr. Donald McLeod, a Presbyterian Minister, not a catholic. He did this to convey that the minister should be a servant of the people and that he should be separate from the world. It is also a good uniform to identify him as a minister to the community.
Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes. Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God’s sight.

1 Peter 3, 3-4  New International Version (NIV)
CIVIC ATTIRE

• *Tonsorial*......"*from L. tonsorius "of or pertaining to shearing or shaving"

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearmen is dumb, so he opens not his mouth......Isaiah 53:7
CIVIC ATTIRE

- Civic ....Service amongst the people.

- Clerical Attire...Learned Men or Women for a sanctified office

Food for Thought

I wear this attire not to show who I am, but because

WHOM I SERVE.
CIVIC ATTIRE

For Presiding Bishops

- Scarlet Neckband Clergy Shirt w/ Pontiff #3 or #4 Collar
- Black Suit, Shoes, Socks
- Gold Cross w/Ruby Stones & Gold Chain
- Bishop’s Ring
CIVIC ATTIRE

For Presiding Bishops

- Scarlet Neckband Clergy Shirt w/ Pontiff #3 or #4 Collar
- Black Suit, Shoes, Socks
- Gold Cross w/Ruby Stones & Gold Chain
- Bishop’s Ring
Vestments

- Black Cassock w/ 23 buttons
- Black Cincture w/ Black Fringe
- White Square neck Surplice (knee length)
- Black Tippet (Church Seal on left side)

*Those serving the Bishop should attach the seal of the Bishop on the right side of the Tippet
• Joint College of Bishops (JCOB) Adjutant’s Academy
