Name These Church Objects

As you grow in your knowledge of the Mass, you will want to learn the names and meanings of some of the objects used at Mass. Can you name any of the following? Read the descriptions on the accompanying sheet. Write the correct word below each picture, using each of the words at the bottom of the page.

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ciborium sacristy lectern lectionary chasuble altar Roman Missal
chalice cruets corporal alb tabernacle stole presider's chair
Can You Find It?

While one person reads each description below, the other can find the answer on the picture sheet. The reader should not give the answers unless the person answering is having difficulty.

1. The sacred vessels and the priest’s robes are kept in this room. (Sacristy)

2. The priest wears this long white robe beneath his other vestments. (Alb)

3. The priest wears this colored robe over his long white robe. During Lent the color is purple, a symbol of penance. At Christmas and Easter the robes are white, a symbol of resurrection, birth, and rebirth. On Good Friday, Palm Sunday, Pentecost, and the feasts of martyrs, the color of the vestment is red, a symbol of the majesty of Christ and/or the action of the Holy Spirit. On Ordinary Sundays the celebrant wears green, a symbol of hope. (Chasuble)

4. This is worn by the priest whenever he celebrates a sacrament. It is a sign of his role as leader. (Stole)

5. This book contains all the prayers the priest says with us during Mass. (The Roman Missal)

6. This cup holds the consecrated (made holy) communion hosts. (Ciborium)

7. This cup holds the wine that becomes the blood of Christ. (Chalice)

8. These hold the water and the wine used during Mass. (Cruets)

9. This square cloth is placed on the altar, and the priest places the ciborium and paten on it. (Corporal)

10. This holy book contains all the readings from the Bible used during Mass. The readings are repeated every three years. This book is carried to the altar during the opening procession. (Lectionary)

11. From this stand the priest, deacon, and lectors proclaim the Scripture and the priest gives the homily. (Lectern)

12. This is where the consecrated hosts (from the previous Mass) are kept, ready for communion for the sick or for those who wish to pray before the Blessed Sacrament. (Tabernacle)

12. This is where the person who presides at the Mass, the priest, sits at certain times during the Mass. (Presider’s Chair)

14. This is where the priest prepares the sacred meal of the Eucharist. (Altar)
Answer Key

1. sacristy
2. alb
3. chasuble
4. stole
5. Roman Missal
6. ciborium
7. chalice
8. cruets
9. corporal
10. lectionary
11. lectern
12. tabernacle
13. presider’s chair
14. altar