

# VESTMENTS WORN BY JOSEPH CARDINAL RITTER

Between 1946 and 1967 while Archbishop and Cardinal of St. Louis



On *indefinite loan* to the Cardinal Ritter Birthplace Museum, New Albany, Indiana.

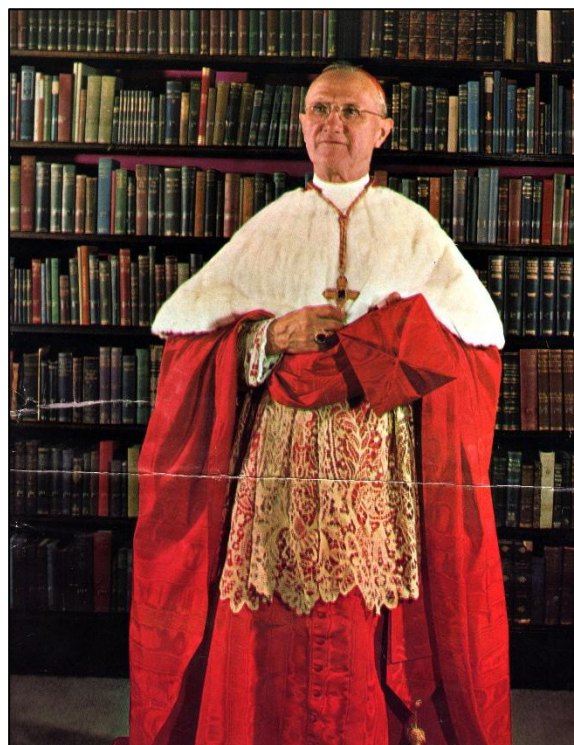
Our gratitude to Archbishop Mitchel T. Rozanski and Archivist Eric Fair for this gift, February 13, 2026.

Left: BLACK CASSOCK with scarlet cloth buttons and attached matching MOZZETTA. Worn circa 1946-1967.

Right: Two separate vestments – SCARLET CASSOCK and detachable SCARLET MOZZETTA, worn circa 1961-1967.



WHITE ERMIN MOZZETTA worn in photo at right from the St. Louis Review (January 1961). Also worn in the original oil portrait donated to the Cardinal Ritter Birthplace by the Ritter family when restoration was completed in 2010. (Sorry, not pictured here.)





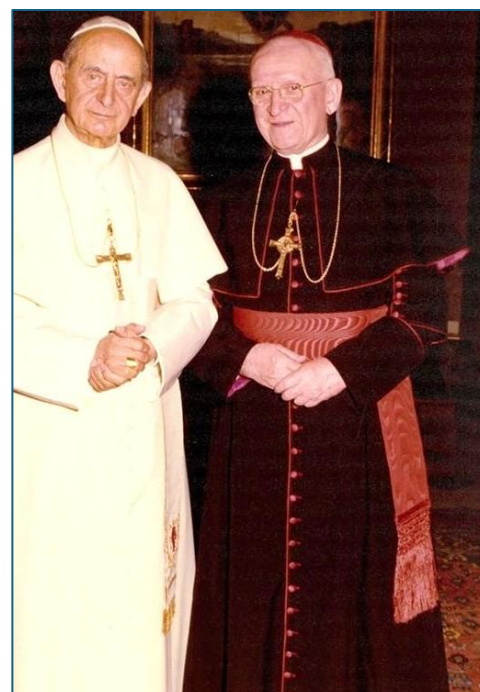
MITER: a very defining tailored item signifying ecclesiastical rank in the Church.

Below right:  
PONTIFICAL  
SCARLET  
GLOVES.



Right:  
SCARLET  
FASCIA (Sash)

Far right:  
Ritter visiting  
Pope Paul VI,  
wearing Fascia.





OFFICIAL FORMAL CHINA WITH ARCHBISHOP RITTER'S CREST ON EACH PIECE. Made by Rosenthal in Germany circa 1955. Eleven-piece setting includes (clockwise from candle): candle holder, sugar bowl, bud vase, saltshaker, soup bowl, coffee/tea pot, 5" bowl, cup & saucer, dinner plate, salad plate.

Also, ARCHBISHOP'S GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CANDLE, celebrated April 17, 1967.

WAX SEALS – Left in photo: Cardinal's Seal 1961-1967.  
Right in photo: Archbishop's Seal 1946-1960.



CARDINAL RITTER'S MINT JULIP CUPS. Each sterling silver cup engraved with "J E R." Likely a gift to the Archbishop/Cardinal from his hometown acquaintances. Purchased at *J. O. Endris & Son Jewelers, New Albany, Ind.*



*The St. Louis Collection* was personally delivered on February 13, 2026, by Archdiocesan Archivist Eric Fair (left in photo).

*Cardinal Ritter Birthplace Foundation, Inc.* founding chair David H. Hock (center) and current archivist and board member Ray Day (right), graciously accepted the collection.

Our sincere thanks to Seattle Archbishop Paul Etienne for introducing us to the St. Louis Archives by way of St. Louis Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski.



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