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SCARLET PONTIFICAL GLOVES

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Cardinals wear distinctive scarlet vestments to symbolize willingness to shed blood for the faith. SCARLET PONTIFICAL GLOVES were worn during specific solemn liturgical occasions, often matching the liturgical color of the day. They were worn from the beginning of the Pontifical (High) Mass until the Lavabo (washing of the hands) at the end of the Offertory.

CRBFI ITEM – APP 10-IL – Gloves personally worn by Cardinal Ritter from 1961-1967. They are a gift from the Archdiocese of St. Louis Archives in January 2026 - one of over 40 artifacts and vestments in our collection.

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