

EPISODE 18 – Vestments Part 2

1. Why does the Church make a connection between the 'yoke of ministry and the chasuble of the priest?
 - The prayer for the Chasuble is "O Lord, who has said, 'My yoke is sweet and my burden light,' grant that I may so carry it as to merit Thy grace."
 - The prayer in the rite of ordination for the priest includes the prayer "For by your ministry the spiritual sacrifice of the faithful will be made perfect, being united to the sacrifice of Christ, which will be offered through your hands in an unbloody way on the altar, in union with the faithful, in the celebration of the sacraments."
 - In his ordination the priest has spiritually and publicly taken on the yoke of ministry, the yoke of Christ. The chasuble is for the priest and for us both a symbol and a reminder of that yoke.
2. How are the sleeves of the Deacon's dalmatic a reminder of his service?
 - **Acts 6:2-3** {2 And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. 3 Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task"}
 - Because of it is in the shape of a cross, the dalmatic is sometimes regarded as a symbol for the sufferings of Christ and a reminder of the service to which the deacon has been called.