



# 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Appeal

## ‘Robes fit for a Cathedral’ Appeal Target = £28,000

### Consecration Vestments Target = £20,000

In conjunction with the building of the new Coventry Cathedral the architect, Sir Basil Spence, the artist, John Piper and the Precentor, Canon Joseph Poole collaborated to design clerical vestments which would blend in well with the contemporary design of the building. There are six sets in different ecclesiastical colours, of which that in gold for use at festivals was the first to be produced and was worn at the consecration of the building in 1962. This set has also subsequently had considerably more use than the others and despite cleaning and repair as necessary over the years it is now in a state where it is no longer fit for use. On the basis of expert advice it has also been decided that it is also not capable of being restored to a long term usable condition.

In view of the fact that the set is one of six and related artistically to the design of the Cathedral, it seems most appropriate that the set should be replaced by another of the same design, and with this in mind the firm of Louis Grosse of Bruges, Belgium, the makers of the original sets have been approached. Using the current set as a pattern they have concluded that it would be possible to reproduce the gold set in silk, with a more modern and durable material than the original for lining.

**The requirement is for 2 Chasubles, 3 Tunicles, 10 Copes, 2 Mitres, 2 Deacon Stoles, 8 Priest Stoles**

### Servers Tunicles and Cassocks Target = £8,000

The Servers are part of the robed ministry like the Clergy, readers, vergers and choir. The Tunicle worn over the cassock was designed specifically for this Cathedral coloured grey with satin darts to compliment the rich colours of the clergy vestments designed by John Piper, with mantles for the Cross Bearer or Crucifer who in our tradition has the role of master of ceremonies. To carry on this ministry we now need to replace the current set of robes that are beyond reasonable further repair.

**The requirement is for 16 robes both tunicles and cassocks**

Please help us to carry forward the ministry at Coventry with robes fit for a Cathedral. Make your donation by returning the form below with a cheque. Thank you.

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Your Name: . . . . .

I wish to give £ . . . . . in support of *The Friends 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Appeal*

If the Appeal target is reached, I would like my donation to be added to Friends Funds to support future Cathedral projects.

### Gift Aid Declaration

I wish this donation to be treated as a Gift Aid donation. I understand that I must pay an amount of UK tax and/or Capital Gains Tax at least equal to the tax the Charity reclaims on my donations in the tax year.

Signed. . . . . Date: . . . . .

Please send this completed form and a cheque payable to *The Friends of Coventry Cathedral: The Secretary (2009 Appeal), The Friends, Coventry Cathedral, 1 Hill Top, Coventry CV1 5AB*