

Wafer cutter

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Cutter for large hosts. Its wooden handle is pale in color.

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Materials metal, metal, brass, wood

Measurements 15 x 12,7 x 7,8 cm

Historical context

This object is used to cut the hosts that are at the heart of Mass and certain religious ceremonies. It has also long been used by the Congregation of the Sisters of Sainte-Anne to meet the needs of the community.

Traditionally, hosts are made by women's religious communities and then distributed to parishes and other religious institutions, where they are consecrated by a priest at mass. There are two types of host cutter. Firstly, there are the larger cuts, which are used to cut large hosts. Large consecrated hosts are used by the celebrant at Mass, for exposing the Blessed Sacrament in a monstrance, and for Corpus Christi celebrations. Smaller wafers are used to cut hosts for communion.

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