

# Quality Refinishing Since 1919

PLATING | REPAIR | RESTORATION | CUSTOM MANUFACTURING



Before



After



## SHOULD I REPLATE?

Most pieces of silver, brass, bronze, or gold that have not absolutely disintegrated are worth re-plating. Of course, the most important reason is *sentiment*. After having a piece your whole life, or having it handed down through generations, these articles become priceless heirlooms. The cost of repair and re-plating them is less significant when you take into consideration that these items are irreplaceable.

## EXAMINE YOUR ITEMS

Take a moment to look over your items to be refinished. Pits and corrosion can be difficult to remove. We may not be able to remove *all* of these flaws, as this may weaken the integrity of the piece. We can always make these items look beautiful, but they may not look 'new' if they have heavy pitting or corrosion.



## ENGRAVING

Ordinarily engraving will still show up after the plating process unless it is very faint. If, however, there are deep scratches, pits, or gouges near the engraving, then we will leave these flaws in the metal. This way the engraving will be preserved. If you prefer, we can also remove the engraving, or we can have new engraving placed onto your piece for an additional charge.

## REPAIR

We take pride in our work. Using skills that have been passed down for generations, our team of skilled craftsmen will restore your precious articles as close to their original condition as possible. We ensure that all repairs are completed before any further restoration is taken place.

## POLISHING

Prior to the plating process, each piece will be "hand buffed" down to the base metal. It is then hand polished very meticulously by our skilled polishers who will remove as many pits, scratches, and other imperfections as possible. We take great care in handling your piece and ensure that only the best finish will be achieved.

## PLATING

We have an expert plating staff on hand, who will electrolytically clean each piece before plating, to remove any remaining buffing compound residue. Next, we thoroughly check the conductivity of your piece to ensure an even plating throughout the entire surface. We will then re-plate your piece according to your specifications. We specialize in 24k gold and .999+ silver plating, however, we also have the ability to plate in bronze, brass, copper and nickel.

## THE PROCESS

Owners of fine metalware have been sending their articles to us for *nearly a century*. Each piece is given the "best of care." Expert appraisal of the repair needed and necessary plating is carefully planned. Then, we meticulously repair the damaged areas and, if possible, replace any missing parts. Creative talent comes into play here, in re-creating every detail, as close as possible to the original design. Next, the piece is intricately polished by our expert team. The restored article gleams with fresh beauty in this step of the craftsmanship. We take care to preserve any engraving or special finishes. Our plating staff then coat your piece according to your instructions. When the delicate assignment is complete, your cherished article once again shows its original luster and magnificence.

## CARE OF YOUR ITEMS

Most of your altar ware will have a protective lacquer coating on them. These items should be cleaned with a dry, soft cloth. Periodically, these items should be wiped down with a wax based furniture polish and a soft cloth. Do not use water or cleaners on these items as it will cause damage to the protective lacquer coating.

Sacred Vessels (chalices, patens, ciboria) should be cleaned after every use. These items usually do not have a protective lacquer coating on them. Using light pressure, clean the vessels using a soft cloth dipped in warm water mixed with a mild dish washing detergent. Dry and clean your vessel with a soft, dry cloth. DO NOT submerge your vessels. Use a liquid silver polish and soft cloth to remove any tarnish on your vessel.