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**INSTRUCTIONS FOR ASSISTING THE BISHOP  
AT A  
RITE OF CONFIRMATION WITHIN MASS**

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**ENTRANCE PROCESSION**

Miter on and crosier in hand

**AT FOOT OF ALTAR**

Miter and crosier handed off

Bishop reverences altar

**OPTIONAL:**

Thurifer brings thurible and incense

Bishop incenses altar and crucifix. During the Easter Season, the paschal candle should be in the sanctuary, so this, too, is incensed.

Hint: musician should provide enough music to cover incensation of altar and cross

**INTRODUCTORY RITES**

Bring Sacramentary to Bishop for Rite of Blessing & Sprinkling Holy Water

Bring Sacramentary after he sprinkles people - there is a concluding prayer

Gloria - when required or permitted

Bring Sacramentary for Opening Prayer

If a Penitential Rite is chosen instead of the Sprinkling Rite and if a deacon is present, he recites the penitential rite invocations.

**READINGS**

Bring miter to Bishop; Bishop sits and listens to first reading, psalm and second reading with the miter on

Gospel

Bring incense boat to Bishop; he will bless incense and fill thurible

Deacon comes for blessing (stand to the side and wait for the deacon to depart)

Bring crosier to Bishop - stay nearby

Bishop listens to the gospel with crosier in hand (miter off)

He will hand off the crosier after the gospel

**RITE OF CONFIRMATION**

**Presentation of the Candidates**

Bishop will sit after the gospel and hear the presentation by pastor or DRE  
(miter on)

**Homily**

After the homily, hold the Confirmation book for Bishop

**Renewal of Baptismal Promises**

**Laying on of Hands** - (no miter or crosier for this prayer)

Invitation to Prayer

Silent Prayer

Laying on of Hands (prayer over all the candidates re: Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit)

Bring Chrism to Bishop; bring miter and crosier

### **Anointing with Chrism**

After all have been anointed, the crozier is taken away and  
Lemon, water, and open towel are brought to Bishop  
Bishop washes his hands

No Creed; Bishop begins Intercessions

### **LITURGY OF EUCHARIST**

Miter on when he receives the gifts

Zuchetta (red skull cap) taken away for the Eucharistic Prayer

(Bishop will hand it off or place it on the altar; pastor could hand it to you)

### **CONCLUDING RITE**

#### **Greeting**

“The Lord be with you.” “And also with you.”

#### **Blessing**

Deacon: “Bow you head and pray for God’s blessing”

Then, give Bishop the crozier and miter for the blessing

#### **Recessional**

Crosier in hand and miter on as Bishop processes out during the closing hymn

**Best piece of advice:  
watch the Bishop for his needs!**