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

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### ENTRANCE PROCESSION

- Bishop has miter on and crosier in hand.

### WHEN HE REACHES THE FOOT OF THE ALTAR

- Miter and crosier is handed off; have a server or master of ceremony in place to take it.
- If a tabernacle is in the center of the sanctuary, he will genuflect.

### IF INCENSE IS USED

- After Bishop reverences the altar, he will turn to the thurifer who should be standing near the rear corner of the altar, ready with the incense boat. (If a deacon is present the thurifer hands the incense boat to the deacon; if not, the thurifer hands it to the bishop.)
- Bishop incenses the altar, crucifix, and paschal candle [if it is in the sanctuary during the Easter season].
- Hint: The music director should provide enough music to cover this ritual action.

### INTRODUCTORY RITES

- The server brings the *Sacramentary* to the Bishop for the Rite of Blessing and Sprinkling Holy Water. A deacon or server walks with the bishop, holding the bowl of water.
- Bring the *Sacramentary* after he sprinkles the people -- there is a concluding prayer
- If a Penitential Rite is used, and a deacon is present, the deacon will offer each invocation
- When the Gloria is required or permitted, the choir, cantor or organist may intone the Gloria.
- The server brings the *Sacramentary* for the Opening Prayer. It should be opened to the correct page.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

- Bring the miter to the bishop before the First Reading
- Bishop sits and listens to the First Reading, Psalm, and Second Reading with his miter on
- Gospel
  - Bring incense boat and thurible to the bishop; he will bless the incense and fill thurible
  - The deacon (if present) or a priest comes for a blessing; the server has crosier in hand, but stays out of way until the gospel reader departs
  - The server takes the mitre and gives the crosier
  - The Bishop stands and listens to the gospel with his crosier in his hand
  - After the gospel, briefly take the crosier from him so that he might kiss the Book of Gospels.
- Bishop Boyea will preach with both miter and crosier.

### RITE OF CONFIRMATION

#### **Presentation of the Candidates**

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

#### **Homily**

- After the homily, a server or deacon holds the Confirmation book for Bishop.

#### **Renewal of Baptismal Promises**

- The server or deacon continues to hold the Rite of Confirmation

#### **Laying on of Hands**

- There is no miter nor crosier for this prayer
- There will be a period of silent prayer
- The Bishop will offer the Laying on of Hands over all the candidates at once (unless the group is very small).

### **Anointing with Chrism**

- Bring the Chrism to the Bishop; bring miter and crosier
- After all have been anointed, the crosier is taken away
- Lemon, water, and an open towel are brought to the Bishop.
- Bishop washes his hands.

There is no Creed.

Bishop will begin the General Intercessions.

### **LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

- The Bishop will have his miter on when he receives the gifts
- Place the *Sacramentary* on the altar during the Preparation of the Altar and the Gifts
- Bishop's zucchetto (red cap) is taken away as he recites the Eucharistic Prayer  
He may place it on the altar, then a priest or deacon should hand it off to a server
- After the distribution of Holy Communion, bring the *Sacramentary* for the Prayer After Communion

### **CONCLUDING RITE**

#### **Greeting**

"The Lord be with you" "And also with you"(or other form of Episcopal greeting)

#### **Blessing**

Deacon: Bow your head and pray for God's blessing"

After the solemn invocations or the Prayer Over the People, then give the bishop his miter and crosier for the concluding blessing

#### **Closing Hymn**

Bishop will have wear the miter and carry the crosier as he processes out



*Best piece of advice: watch the Bishop and be attentive to his needs or requests.*