Instructions for Assisting the Bishop at a Rite of Confirmation Within Mass

Introductory Rites

- **Entrance Procession:** The Bishop wears miter and carries crosier.
- **After reverencing the altar:** Miter and crosier is handed off to server or master of ceremony.
- **Collect:** The Roman Missal is needed for the Collect.

Liturgy of the Word

- **During First and Second Readings:** Bishop wears miter.
- **Gospel Acclamation:** When the bishop stands for the Gospel Acclamation (after he puts incense in the thurible if this is used), take the miter away and give him the crosier.
- **During Gospel:** Bishop holds crosier, does not wear miter
- **After Gospel:** The Gospel Book is brought to the Bishop so he may reverence it. Bishop hands crosier to emcee or server and he resumes the miter.

Rite of Confirmation

**Presentation of the Candidates**

- Bishop sits after the gospel to hear the presentation by the pastor or DRE (miter on)

**Homily**

- The Bishop does not wear the miter when preaching.

**Renewal of Baptismal Promises**

- Pontifical (Confirmation Ritual Book) is needed.

**Laying on of Hands**

- Bishop reads the introduction from the Pontifical (Confirmation Ritual Book).
- Bishop and priest(s) lay hands upon all the candidates.
- Bishop prays the prayer from the Pontifical.

**Anointing with Chrism**

- Bring miter and crosier to Bishop. (Bishop wears miter and holds crosier during Anointing.)
- Chrism, in a worthy container (no cotton balls), is held by an assisting minister.
• No book is needed during the Anointing.
• After all have been anointed, a bowl of warm, soapy water and a towel is brought to the bishop so he can wash his hands. (Take crosier *before* washing hands; Bishop removes miter *after* washing hands.)
• There is no Creed. Bishop will begin the General Intercessions.

**Liturgy of the Eucharist**

• Place the Roman Missal (Sacramentary) on the altar during the Preparation of the Gifts.
• Zucchetto (skullcap) is taken off just before Prayer Over Gifts.
• Do not bring ciboria from the tabernacle to the altar; Holy Communion consecrated at the Mass should be distributed to the assembly.
• Zucchetto is put back on after communion, after returning to chair.

**Concluding Rites**

• *Post-Communion Prayer:* Bishop needs Roman Missal.
• *Announcements, invitations to reception:* come *after* Post-Communion Prayer.
• *Final Blessing:* Bishop wears miter and holds crosier for concluding blessing.
• *Closing Hymn:* Bishop wears the miter and carries the crosier during closing procession.