

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 (opening prayer).

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 (Sacramentary.)
- *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.