

## LITURGICAL PREPARATION NOTES FOR THE ORDER OF CONFIRMATION

(Please also refer to pp 51-59 of the Archdiocesan Confirmation Guidelines)

**NOTE:** The Roman Missal 3rd Edition indicates the **Gloria** is to be sung within the Ritual Mass of Confirmation (see *Ritual Masses-Initiation 4. For the Conferral of Confirmation*, page 1130 in many editions). Ritual Masses are not allowed on Sundays of Advent and Lent so the Gloria is omitted on these Sundays. Otherwise, it is sung for Confirmation in Advent and Lent.

The liturgy should be prepared by the parish liturgy and music coordinators in collaboration with the DRE and Youth Minister. The liturgy should be prepared as if a significant feast or solemnity. The visit of the cardinal, archbishop, or bishop is a very significant event in the life of the parish church.

Parish ministers required: sacristans; ushers (for seating); greeters (for opening doors, welcoming and giving worship aids); altar servers (5-7, who should be experienced); deacons (2 typically but at least 1); priests of the parish.

- ⊕ NOTE: Cardinal DiNardo always sings the various greetings and prayers, the Introductory Dialogue to the Preface, and the Blessing. The leader of song should be aware of this in order to lead faithful in the proper responses. Bishop Sheltz usually sings these.
- ⊕ Music is not travel music or filler. It is sung prayer united to ritual action. Consequently, the **musical selection must cover the entire ritual action**, e.g., Entrance (including reverencing the altar with incense); Preparation of the Altar and the Gifts (collection, preparation of the gift, incense altar and gifts, **through** incensation of people). Music should not end in the middle of the action.
- ⊕ Music is integral to the liturgy and should be selected with a purpose. As part of the choir's preparation of the music, they should learn the significance of a particular musical choice and how it helps to express the action of the liturgy. Musical selections should generally be of good quality, singable by the faithful and theologically proper to the ritual and the season. Selections should be known by the majority of those who will participate in the liturgy. Therefore, hymns known only by a small portion of the community, e.g., the youth, may be sung at the Preparation of the Altar and the Gifts where the entire community is not expected to sing. Also, if the choir were to select an anthem, it would be more appropriate to prepare such a selection during the Preparation of the Gifts rather than following Communion.
- ⊕ The Gloria, Responsorial Psalm, Alleluia, Holy Holy, Memorial Acclamation, and Great Amen are to be sung in addition to the hymns. Confirmation liturgies are lengthy; consequently, the norm in the Archdiocese is no Communion Meditation Hymn. Contact the Office of Worship with questions.
- ⊕ When the Ritual Mass for Confirmation is celebrated, readings are selected from the Ritual, Votive, and Commons volume of the Lectionary, beginning at number **764**. Select **1** Old Testament reading, **1** Psalm, **1** New Testament reading, and **1** Gospel reading. Please note that the readings from the Acts of the Apostles (765, #1-5) should only be selected during the Easter season and would replace the Old Testament reading. On days when the Ritual Mass cannot be celebrated the readings will be the readings of the day.
- ⊕ The Candidates for Confirmation are not part of the Entrance Procession. IF the parish plans to invite the Candidates to process into the church, this should be done so that the Candidates are seated at least ten minutes before the start of Mass to allow a period of silence before the start of the liturgy. The pace of their entrance should not be slow nor should it resemble a graduation. The bishops expect to enter the aisle of the church at the time set for the start of the Mass.
- ⊕ Confirmation is an exciting event for the parish community. The community should be encouraged to maintain appropriate decorum while in the church which is a sacred space. This can be facilitated by an announcement prior to Mass. This should include:
  - A welcome to all who have gathered for the liturgy.

- Ask that people not leave their places to take pictures and to refrain from conversation during the liturgy.
  - Ask all to silence their cell phones and for all to refrain from text messaging during the Mass.
  - Finally, remind all that if a need arises during the Mass to please seek out an usher who is ready to assist them.
- ⊕ Additional “festive” elements that are not common to other parish celebrations should **not** be added to the Confirmation liturgy, e.g., liturgical dance, dressing the altar, etc.
- ⊕ If ritual actions are requested by the parish that are outside of the norm for the celebration, an explanation for the request must be submitted to the Office of Worship with the liturgical plan.
- ⊕ Confirmation takes place within Mass in order that the fundamental connection of this sacrament with all of Christian initiation may stand out in clearer light. Christian initiation reaches its culmination in the reception of the Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Communion. The newly confirmed therefore participate in the Eucharist, which completes their Christian initiation (Order of Confirmation, 13). Communion under both kinds is the expectation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- ⊕ The connection between Confirmation and Baptism is made through the renewal of Baptismal Promises. The bishops therefore ask that the Sprinkling Rite not be used outside of the Sundays and Solemnities of the Easter Season.
- ⊕ Candidates are to have a Name Tag with their Confirmation name **alone** in large legible letters. If they would like to be Confirmed in Spanish, place a visible red dot in the upper right corner of the name tag. They should also have a card as indicated in the Archdiocesan Guidelines to assist with record keeping. The Minister of Confirmation will read the name from the name tag. The sponsor will hand the card to an assisting minister for future entry into the sacramental record book and notification of the parish of baptism.
- ⊕ If pictures are to be taken immediately after the liturgy it is not necessary to have everyone process out and then re-enter the church.
- ⊕ **Most importantly**, this “script” is intended to be an aid and is therefore generic in its approach following the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, Order of Confirmation and the Ceremonial of Bishops. Each bishop has his particular preferences. Some adjustments may be necessary. Note that, while this script contains spaces to indicate readings, music, etc., these are merely an aid for planning. A Liturgy Preparation Form must be filled out and turned in to the Office of Worship.

## CONFIRMATION SET-UP

- ⊕ Vestment color is dictated by season and day. When Confirmation is celebrated on Sundays the liturgical color of the day is worn (i.e., Green in Ordinary Time, Purple in Advent & Lent, White during Easter Season). Otherwise, Red is typically worn for Confirmation although White may be worn. Cardinal DiNardo will bring his own vestments so coordination of proper color through the Office of Worship is essential. The other Ministers of Confirmation will wear the proper vestments provided by the parish.
- ⊕ Two extra purificators for wiping excess oil. This is held in the hand along with the vessel of Chrism by the assisting minister (deacon or server) allowing the Minister of Confirmation to wipe excess oil from his hand as necessary.
- ⊕ Plate with one lemon cut in half and scored in the middle (not iced tea wedges or lemon juice concentrate).
- ⊕ One pitcher of warm clear water (not soapy water) and bowl for rinsing hands.
- ⊕ Two additional purificators for drying hands after the anointing and washing.

- ⊕ Cardinal DiNardo will always use incense at Confirmation. A thurible with incense boat will be used (not a brazier). Have plenty of incense and charcoal. If a bishop other than the Cardinal will preside and incense is not desired, contact the Office of Worship to discuss the reasons.
- ⊕ Sufficient patens with bread and chalices (two chalices for each paten). Please ensure a sufficient number of hosts are prepared so as not to require communion from the reserved sacrament. Also ensure sufficient wine is prepared for all.
- ⊕ Extra copies of this guide/script for servers and concelebrating priests, music ministry, sacristan and ushers may be helpful.
- ⊕ For Confirmation, the celebrants will bring Chrism for use within the Mass. Additional Chrism is always available from the Co-Cathedral. Parishes may not add oil to the holy oils (including the Sacred Chrism) provided from Chrism Mass.
- ⊕ The Chrism may be appropriately enshrined near the Altar or Ambo if the Ambry is not near the sanctuary.
- ⊕ The Cardinal\Archbishop\Bishop will stand for Confirmation

## MC PREPARATION OF THE SANCTUARY AND SACRISTY

Chair for bishop placed prominently along with chairs for two assisting deacons.

**Deacon** of the Word sits to the Bishop's right to assist with thurible and Missal

**Deacon** of the Altar sits to the Bishop's left and assists with miter and crosier

**Altar servers** should be seated where they can see the bishop, deacons and MC. Immediately behind the bishop and deacons is not ideal. Seated outside and to the side of the sanctuary or within but on the edge of the sanctuary is ideal. This minimizes the distraction to the faithful as the MC and servers prepare items needed for the Mass.

Identify location proper for thurible and ensure there is adequate charcoal and incense.

Locate processional Cross and processional candles.

Identify seats for concelebrating priests, Confirmation candidates, and sponsors. (Reserved signs needed?)

Locate where the Chrism will be displayed within the sanctuary.

Ensure General Intercessions are at the Ambo or in a binder for the deacon's use at the chair.

Ensure the Lectionary is properly marked for all readings and is open to the 1st reading.

Meet the Lectors and ensure they are prepared, know which reading they are assigned, where it is in the Lectionary, and know where they will be seated.

[Make sure sound system is on if lectors need to practice.]

Ensure the Book of Gospels is properly marked and in the vesting sacristy (if it will be processed) or that it is placed flat in the middle of the altar (unless it is in a stand).

Ensure the credence table is set up properly:

- ⊕ Sufficient patens and chalices are prepared. The chalices are to be pre-filled.
- ⊕ Ensure main paten and chalice are prepared (large host for main paten).
- ⊕ Sufficient numbers of purificators for chalices plus two for wiping oil from the bishop's hand.
- ⊕ Sufficient number of corporals for all vessels with elements to be consecrated.
- ⊕ Pitcher of warm clear water (not soapy), empty bowl, towel and lemon cut in half. (no bread slices)
- ⊕ Pitcher, bowl and towel for lavabo.
- ⊕ Key for tabernacle and extra empty ciboria

Ensure the gifts of bread and wine are at their proper place and selected people have been instructed on presentation

Review liturgy with deacons and altar servers.

Learn the locations of all Communion Stations.

Ensure there are sufficient ministers of Holy Communion.

Instruct deacons and ushers concerning procession for Confirmation. [Candidates with sponsors come forward 2 x 2. Both rows are to move close to the bishop so that he can easily reach them. (This means about 12" from the bishop not 2 feet.)]

Ensure participation aids are at chairs (or hymnals if no participation aids) for all ministers in the sanctuary and altar servers.

Make sure the proper vestments are prepared.

Identify microphone for the Bishop's use; that the batteries are fresh; the sound system is on.

Will bishop assist with receiving gifts?

Ensure plenty of charcoal is on hand. Make certain sacristan lights charcoal 20 minutes before Mass.

The norm followed for this guide is that there are two deacons assisting, and:

- ⊕ the Miter and Crosier ministers approach from the bishops left and are assisted by the Deacon of the Altar and seated at the Bishop's left;
- ⊕ the thurifer and boat, and the Missal are sent to the Bishop's right assisted by the Deacon of the Word.

Finally, at the outside margin, indications are given for Miter and Crosier. When there is not a change in the status, the font is small and green [**M- C-**]. When there is a change the font is larger and bolded [**M- C-**].

## Rite of Confirmation

**Introductory Rites**

## PROCESSIONAL:

*The **Deacon** & Bishop will prepare the thurible 5-10 minutes prior to the procession.  
General order of procession: thurifer, cross bearer, 2 candle bearers, lectors, Deacon with Book of Gospels, Deacons, concelebrating priests, host pastor, bishop, bishop's attendants.*

*A gap of about 9' (3 pews) is good between members of the procession.*

Thurifer (w/boat)
Candle Bearer – Cross Bearer – Candle Bearer
Lectors
Deacon w/ Book of Gospels (or Lector, if no Deacon)
Concelebrating Priests (2 x 2)
Pastor
[MC]
Principal Celebrant (Cardinal/Archbishop/Bishop)
2 Deacons (if 1 deacon: behind and to the left – crosier side)
MC
Crosier Bearer – Book Bearer – Miter Bearer

## GATHERING HYMN

at foot of altar **M- C-**

*[The **Thurifer** enters the sanctuary and stands at the back-right of the altar as previously decided by the **MC** & **Deacon**. The **Thurifer** will await the **Deacon**. **Cross and Candle Bearers** follow procedures as usual for the parish. (They do not bow from the waist but only bow their head while carrying objects in procession). **Lectors** bow to the altar from the end of the aisle and take their places in the pews near the ambo. The Bishop will stop at the foot of the altar, hand his crosier to the left to be taken by the assisting **Deacon** or **Miter Server**. He will then remove his miter and hand it to the right to be taken by the other assisting **Deacon**, **Crosier Server** or **MC**. The **Miter** and **Crosier Bearers** proceed to their seats. The Bishop and concelebrants will kiss the altar. (If there are a large number of priest concelebrants they do not kiss the altar.) The **Deacon** will approach the **Thurifer** and give the thurible to the Bishop. The Bishop will reverence the altar with incense. He will then return the thurible to the **Deacon** who hands it to the **Thurifer** who takes it to its stand. The Bishop will then move to the chair. (He will continue without miter or crosier)*

**MC readies Book Server to be sent to Deacon of the Word.**

## GREETING:

**M- C**

**Bishop:** (Usual appropriate greeting.)  
\*\*Pause for silent prayer\*\*  
Introduction to the liturgy

**MC sends Book Server to Deacon of the Word**

**PENITENTIAL ACT**

*See numbers 4, 5 or 6 (pp 515, ff. and Appendix VI, option I, page 1474 (in most Roman Missal editions)). The following is based on #6 and is from the Roman Missal, Appendix VI.*

**Bishop:** *invitation to recall sins (pause)*

**Deacon:** Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom:  
Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness:  
Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you will come again in glory with salvation for your people:  
Lord, have mercy.

**Bishop:** May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins  
and bring us to everlasting life.

**Assembly:** Amen.

*[Immediately following the assembly's "AMEN," the musicians should begin the intro to the Gloria if required in the liturgy.]*

**GLORIA** *(Required by Roman Missal 3<sup>rd</sup> edition except the Sundays of Advent and Lent)*

**MC-Book Server to Bishop**

**COLLECT (Opening Prayer)**

*From Ritual Masses: Initiation – Confirmation) or of the day as required*

*after prayer M+ c-  
check & add charcoal*

## Liturgy of the Word

[The Bishop will be seated following the prayer. **MC** sends **Miter Bearer** to Deacon who will hand the Bishop the miter.]

until the gospel acclamation **M+**

FIRST READING: \_\_\_\_\_

RESPONSORIAL: \_\_\_\_\_

The psalm is from the list in the lectionary for Confirmation. On Sundays and Solemnities, it is the Psalm of the Day. (When choosing the following questions may help: In what way is the Psalm being selected as sung response to the First Reading? What is the connection?)

**prepare Gospel procession – candles & thurible ready  
miter & crosier ready**

SECOND READING: \_\_\_\_\_

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia (unless celebrated in Lent)

If Gospel Procession will be used:

As soon as the Gospel Acclamation begins, **MC** sends **Thurifer** to Bishop's right and **Miter & Crosier** to the Bishop's left. **MC** then sends **Candle Bearers** to each end of altar (flanking Book of Gospels upon the altar) to await the Deacon of the Word.

The **Deacon** lifts the lid of the thurible. Bishop will place incense in the thurible. The **Thurifer** moves to a place near the altar to await the Gospel procession. The **Deacon** bows before the Bishop and asks for the blessing. After receiving the blessing the **Deacon** moves to the altar, bows to the altar and takes the Book of Gospels, elevating it slightly. Led by the **Thurifer** and two **Candle Bearers** the **Deacon** moves to the ambo.

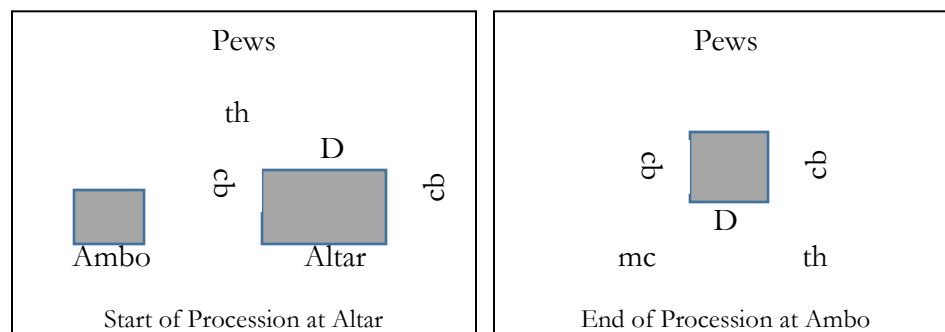
**after blessing deacon M- C-**

**Candle Bearers** face the ambo standing on each side facing each other. **Thurifer** stands behind and slightly to the right of the **Deacon**. **Deacon** gives the greeting with hands joined. At the words, "A reading from the holy Gospel according to Saint N.," he signs the book then forehead, lips and breast.

**M- C+**

**Deacon** incenses the Book of Gospels with three swings of the thurible (center, left, right) returns the thurible to the **Thurifer** who will remain in place, swinging the thurible very slightly (helps to keep smoke out of face). **Deacon** proclaims the gospel.

th=thurifer cb=candle bearer D=deacon



+GOSPEL: \_\_\_\_\_

*[After the proclamation, the **Deacon** presents the Book of Gospels to the Bishop who kisses the book and may give a blessing with the book. **Thurifer** and **Candle Bearers** return to their places. The **Deacon** or **MC** places the Book of Gospels on a side table or other suitable place.]*

*After the Gospel, the Bishop may be seated. M+ C-*

## Sacrament of Confirmation

### PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES TO THE BISHOP

*After the congregation is seated the **Pastor** (and visiting pastors) present the candidates:*

*Addressing a cardinal: Your Eminence **or** Cardinal DiNardo*

*Addressing a bishop: Your Excellency **or** (Arch)Bishop \_\_\_\_\_*

**We present our candidates who, having been baptized, now seek to be more fully united with Christ and the Church through the sacrament of Confirmation.**

*[If more than 20-25 candidates are to be presented, they should be presented as a group rather than individually by name.]*

*[If more than one parish group is present:*

**Bishop I present to you the candidates from \_\_\_\_\_ parish.]**  
(Candidates stand)

**These candidates have responded to Christ's call and made themselves available to Him in prayer. They have learned to know Him better and love Him more completely through study and reflection. They have shared his love and concern for others through acts of service.**

*[Candidates stand in place. After being recognized by the Bishop, they are invited to be seated.]*

HOMILY: BISHOP

**M+ C+(?)**

*[during the homily, the Bishop may use the crosier]*

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES: *Pontifical, page 75 and the Order of Confirmation*

**M+ C+**

*[the Renewal of Baptismal promises will be done from the front of the altar or the chair]*

**Deacon:** Would the candidates for confirmation please stand.

*[Bishop will wear miter and hold crosier during the Profession of Faith]*

**Bishop:** Do you renounce Satan,  
and all his works and empty promises?

*Candidates: I do.*

Do you believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth?

*Candidates: I do.*

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered death and was buried,  
rose again from the dead,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

*Candidates: I do.*

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who today through the Sacrament of Confirmation  
is given to you in a special way  
just as he was given to the Apostles  
on the day of Pentecost?

*Candidates: I do.*

Do you believe in the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting?

*Candidates: I do.*

**Bishop:** This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church.  
We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Choir/Assembly: "Amen" Acclamation (*Follow Cantor*)

*[If more than one parish has gathered for the celebration or if concelebrating priests are present the MC may invite the priests to enter the sanctuary if necessary.]*

*[The Bishop will put miter and crosier aside. Once the priests are in place he continues:]*

**M- C-**

## LAYING ON OF HANDS

**Bishop:** Dearly beloved,  
 let us pray to God the almighty Father,  
 for these, his adopted sons and daughters,  
 already born again to eternal life in Baptism,  
 that he will graciously pour out the Holy Spirit upon them  
 to confirm them with his abundant gifts,  
 and through his anointing  
 conform them more fully to Christ, the Son of God.

*(All pray in silence for a short time.)*

*(With hands extended the Bishop continues:)*

**Bishop:** Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
 who brought these your servants to new birth  
 by water and the Holy Spirit,  
 freeing them from sin:  
 send upon them, O Lord, the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete;  
 give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
 the spirit of counsel and fortitude,  
 the spirit of knowledge and piety;  
 fill them with the spirit of the fear of the Lord.  
 Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

## ANOINTING WITH CHRISM:

**M+ C+**

*(The Bishop (with miter and crosier), will move to the center aisle for the conferral of the sacrament.*

*The **Deacon** brings the chrism to the Bishop. The **Deacon**, a pastor, or a **Server** may assist by holding the chrism and a purificator while standing at the Bishop's right. One server assists by holding an extra purificator and standing near the Bishop. Another server may hold the crosier, standing behind and to the left of the Bishop, if this is the desire of the Bishop. The pastor of the group being confirmed will position himself to the left of the Bishop.*

*The **MC** ensures the candidates, accompanied by a sponsor with hand on the candidate's shoulder, process down the center aisle two-by-two, as directed by the ushers to the Bishop. **Both lines move close to the bishop** (12" away) who will lay his hand on their head and anoint the candidate. **They are not to stop at the first pew and wait until the previous person has been confirmed. The MC also ensures the candidates are responding properly during the confirmation. If not, he should walk a short way down the aisle and remind the candidates.***

*The candidates all wear nametags with **only** their Confirmation name printed in large legible lettering so that the Bishop may read the name from the nametag. The typed name card with the candidate's information is to be handed to an assistant as the candidate approaches the Bishop. This card is used for sacramental record keeping only.*

**Bishop:** N., be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

**Candidate:** Amen.

**Bishop:** Peace be with you.

**Candidate:** And with your spirit.

*During the conferral of the sacrament, instrumental music may be played which allows the faithful to hear the conferral of the sacrament. If there are a large number of candidates, the choir may lead the assembly in singing an occasional refrain to help the assembly stay focused on the liturgical action rather than visiting with their neighbor.*

**MC ready water, bowl, lemon, towel  
ready, chalices and patens  
check charcoal**

*[After the anointing, the Bishop will cleanse his hands with lemon and water. The Deacon will assist the Bishop at the credence table. The Universal Prayer will then begin.*

*The Bishop does not wear the miter nor hold the crosier during the Universal Prayer.*

*The parish/community may add additional suitable prayers for the community or world to the prayers that follow.*

*Please note that the General Intercessions found in the red/orange **The Rites I** book (pages 491-2) are **NOT** to be used.]*

## UNIVERSAL PRAYER

M- C-

**BISHOP:** *[in these or similar words]*

**My dear brothers and sisters,  
let us humbly pray to God the almighty Father  
and be of one mind in our prayer,  
just as faith, hope and charity,  
which proceed from his Holy Spirit, are one.**

DEACON/ASSISTANT:

For these his servants, whom the gift of the Holy Spirit has confirmed: that, planted in faith and grounded in love, they may bear witness to Christ the Lord by their way of life, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly: "Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer." or similar words.

For their parents and sponsors: that by word and example they may continue to encourage those whom they have sponsored in the faith to follow in the footsteps of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly: "Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer." or similar words.

For the holy Church of God together with Francis our Pope, Daniel our Bishop, [George, his assistant Bishop,] and all the Bishops: that, gathered by the Holy Spirit, the Church may grow and increase in unity of faith and love until the coming of the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly: "Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer." or similar words.

For the whole world: that all people, who have one Maker and Father, may acknowledge one another as brothers and sisters, without discrimination of race or nation, and with sincere hearts seek the Kingdom of God, which is peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly: "Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer." or similar words.

**Bishop: O God, who gave the Holy Spirit to your Apostles  
and willed that through them and their successors  
the same Spirit be handed on to the rest of the faithful,  
listen favorably to our prayer,  
and grant that your divine grace,  
which was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed,  
may now spread through the hearts of those who believe in you.  
Through Christ our Lord.**

All: Amen

## Liturgy of the Eucharist

*[Bishop may wear miter when seated]*

**M+ C-**

### PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS:

The **Deacon** with the servers will prepare the altar; i.e., corporal, chalice, Missal and other patens and chalices as necessary. Size of altars varies making a diagram unhelpful. However, all vessels containing elements to be consecrated are to be on a corporal (multiple corporals may be required).

The **Deacon** or the Bishop or both receive the gifts presented by the faithful.

**M- C-**

The Bishop removes miter and goes to the altar. The **Deacon** of the Altar hands the Bishop the paten with bread and then prepares the chalice. Following the prayer the **Deacon** hands him the chalice.

Following the prayer over the chalice, the **Thurifer brings** the thurifer to the **Deacon** of the Altar. The **Deacon** holds the boat as the **Thurifer** lifts the lid of the thurible. The Bishop adds incense, receives the thurible, incenses the gifts, the altar, and the cross. The **Deacon**, standing at the side of the altar, receives the thurible and incenses the Bishop with three swings of the thurible.

*Lavabo:* Two or three **Servers** bring water, bowl, and towel to Bishop and then return the items to the credence table and return to their places.

Meanwhile, the **Deacon** incenses concelebrating priests and then the faithful, each with three swings.

### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS:

*From Ritual Masses: Initiation – Confirmation) or of the day as required*

**M- C- Z-**

*[Following the Prayer Over the Gifts, the Bishop removes his zucchetto. The **MC**, **Deacon** or a **Server** should retrieve the zucchetto and place it in the Bishop's chair.]*

**MC leads concelebrants into sanctuary as necessary**

#### MC Notes for Eucharistic Prayer

- ⊕ Eucharistic Prayer
  - Which one?
  - Which parts said by which priests? (I=2+2, II=2, III=2)
  - Special form of the *Hanc Igitur* EP I
  - Turning pages & pointing
  - When to kneel? (*Epiclesis* through *Mysterium Fidei*)
- ⊕ Communion
  - Escorting deacons to the bishop for communion
  - Communion station chaos (work it out beforehand, but manage it *in situ*)
- ⊕ Prayer after Communion
  - "Through Christ our Lord, Amen." [M+]
  - No announcements *before* this prayer.

### PREFACE

*[Preface I or II of the Holy Spirit (page 1339/1342 in many editions) or OF THE DAY]*

## SANCTUS

**Deacons** and **MC** kneel *Epiclesis through Mysterium Fidei*

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

## DOXOLOGY

## AMEN

## COMMUNION RITE

The Our Father [*Sung*]

Sign of Peace

Breaking of the Bread

*Lamb of God*

Communion Processional Song[s]:

*[A Hymn of Praise or Meditation Hymn is to be avoided following Communion.]*

**Z+**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*From Ritual Masses: Initiation – Confirmation) or of the day as required*

## Concluding Rites

**M+ C-**

*[After the prayer, the **Servers** will bring the **miter** and **crozier** to the Bishop.]*

Brief Announcements: *Pastor or Deacon, BRIEF acknowledgements or invitation to reception.*

## BLESSING

*From Ritual Masses: Initiation – Confirmation)*

*For a Solemn Blessing, he wears Miter but does not take the crozier as he extends his hands over the people. He receives the crozier at “May Almighty God bless you....”*

**M+ C+**

*For the Simple form of blessing he takes the miter and crozier immediately.*

## DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

## RECESSIONAL

Order: Cross, Candle Bearers, Thurifer, deacons, concelebrating priests, pastor, Bishop, assisting deacons, servers (miter, book, crozier), MC.

NOTE: If the *confirmandi* exit they do so after the Bishop. If there will be a group picture in the sanctuary, it is not necessary or even advisable to have everyone process out and then return.