

Form C Diocese of Dallas **SERVERS**

2018 Assisting the Bishop at the Confirmation Mass



Some Helpful Guidelines *Note that it is possible that Bishop Burns may bring a seminarian who will serve as Master of Ceremonies at the Confirmation Mass. This seminarian will rehearse the servers, and answer any questions that may come up, before the actual Mass begins.*

Entrance Procession

- Bishop is wearing miter; bishop carries crozier

When bishop reaches foot of sanctuary

- Miter and crozier are handed off; server or MC receives it.

If incense is used

- After bishop reverences the altar, he turns to thurifer, who is standing at rear corner of the altar, ready with incense boat. (If deacon present, the thurifer hands boat to deacon. If no deacon, thurifer hands it to the bishop.)
- Bishop incenses altar and crucifix (paschal candle if it is Easter season)
(Entrance Hymn or instrumental music needs to cover this ritual action)

Introductory Rites

- Server brings Roman Missal to bishop for Rite of Blessing and Sprinkling of Holy Water; people are sprinkled as bishop walks through the church. Server accompanies bishop holding bucket. Bishop uses sprinkler (aspergillum), then *back to sanctuary*.
- Bring Roman Missal back after sprinkling: prayer after Sprinkling concludes this part. (If Penitential Act, then deacon offers each invocation or it is sung.)
(When Gloria required or allowed, it follows Penitential Act (or Sprinkling Rite))
- Server brings Roman Missal for Opening Prayer; Prayer is marked and Missal should be open.

Liturgy of the Word

- Miter returned to bishop before First Reading: hand it to deacon OR bishop. Bishop puts it on himself.
- Miter on, Bishop sits and listens to First Reading, Responsorial Psalm, Second Reading
- Gospel (get ready with crozier)

Bring incense boat and thurible to bishop; he blesses incense and fills thurible.

Deacon comes for blessing: server has crozier in hand, offering it to bishop after deacon has moved to proclaim the Gospel.

Server TAKES miter and OFFERS crozier- Bishop listens to Gospel with crozier in hand.

After Gospel, server takes crozier briefly so that Bishop might kiss Book of Gospels. Server returns crozier.

- Bishop preaches with miter and crozier OR moves to ambo and does not use either.

Rite of Confirmation

- Bishop sits (miter on) to hear Presentation of Candidates
- After Homily, server or deacon hold Confirmation text for Bishop
- Renewal of Baptismal Promises- server or deacon continues to hold Confirmation text
- Laying On Of Hands- no miter, no crozier for this prayer- Bishop lays hands over all Candidates at same time
- Anointing With Chrism
Chrism is brought to bishop; bring miter and crozier- Candidates come forward and are anointed. If there is a deacon, the deacon holds the chrism for the bishop.
After anointing is completed → crozier is removed, lemon wedge, water and towel to bishop. Bishop washes hands.
- Profession of Faith is omitted (baptismal promises have accomplished this)
(Bishop begins Prayer of the Faithful, also offers conclusion after they are read)

Liturgy of the Eucharist

- Bishop wears miter to receive the gifts
- Deacon (if present) arranges altar, brings Roman Missal during this time. **(Cups should be pre-poured with wine; patens filled with hosts.)** *Chalice* is ready to receive wine (deacon or server pours for bishop) after it is received from gift-bearer. Typically, what is consecrated at this Mass is distributed at this Mass; there is no need or reason to go to the tabernacle and mix the reserved Eucharist with the hosts that have been consecrated. Count out the amount that you will need for this service.
- Eucharistic Prayer
Bishop removes his zucchetto (red cap) as he begins the Eucharistic Prayer; he may put it on the altar, and priest or deacon hands off to server. Server places it on bishop's chair.
- Prayer after Communion: server brings Roman Missal and holds for bishop (following silence after Communion)

The Concluding Rites

- Greeting- Dismissal (deacon)
After prayer over the people, Bishop receives miter and crozier for Solemn Blessing
- Blessing
- Closing Hymn and Procession- Bishop wears miter and carries crozier.
- Recession should be reverent, not resembling a “retreat.”

Please contact the Office of Worship if you have questions. Remember, too, that an abbot can administer this sacrament, and has the rank and responsibility of a bishop—except that he is the bishop for his religious community. He will have a miter and crozier, too.