**Serving Confirmation Mass with Bishop** (rev April 15, 2018)

One or two Altar Servers are assigned for Miter and Crosier, during a mass with a Bishop.

* **Miter Bearer**: Responsible for the Miter (teaching hat)
* **Crosier Bearer**: Responsible for the Crosier (shepherd’s pastoral staff)
* **Book Bearer**: Responsible for holding the book
* **Cross**: Responsible for the carrying the cross at entrance procession, reception of gifts and recessional, and for ringing the bells at communion
* **Candles**: Two servers responsible for processional and altar candles
* **Altar Servers**: Responsible for helping at the altar
* **Deacon**: provides instruction and announces postures (stand, sit, kneel) – may also serve as MC

### Notes:

* Roman Missal and confirmation book tabs are set for confirmation
* Set up chairs, small table (for the miter) and the crosier stand for Miter and Crosier bearers immediately behind or very near the bishop’s chair.
* Both the **Miter Bearer** and **Crosier Bearer** should wear white gloves (if available)
* For convenience the Bishop may hand and receive the Miter and Crosier directly to the servers or he may pass to the pastor, a deacon or to the master of ceremonies (MC) first who will then pass it to the **Miter Bearer** or **Crosier Bearer**
* The Miter is handed to the Bishop with the opening towards him, pointy end facing the Miter Bearer, the front facing down with the lappets folded over the top.
* The Crosier is handed to the Bishop with the cross facing him -- “Closed” side of the curved crook towards Bishop.
* If incensing, it is done as normal mass
* The pastor and deacon (or another priest or server) are on either side of the bishop: the pastor who is on left side of bishop receives the name cards from the sponsors and the deacon holds the oil on bishop’s right
  + RC Diocese guidelines: When reaching the bishop, the **sponsor** hands the name card to the pastor, who shows it to the bishop. The sponsor says: **“Bishop, I present to you for Confirmation, N.”** This way the bishop can hear and read the name.
  + **For already confirmed Eastern-Rite Catholic:** once other candidates are confirmed, a catechist passes the card to the pastor and presents this individual saying: “**Bishop, N. was confirmed at baptism but has undergone a period of catechesis with his/her peers and wishes to receive a blessing.**” Bishop will bless the individual with **no anointing**.

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| **Introductory Rites** | Entrance | Bishop has Miter & Crosier    At the entrance to the sanctuary, **Bishop removes miter & crosier**. | Place book of gospels on altar & wait behind altar to venerate last with bishop and other serving deacon | Cross & Candles go directly to locations and move to seat.  Others wait to bow and enter sanctuary | Process near or behind bishop  Take miter and place on table immediately. Move to seat. | Process near or behind bishop  Take crosier and place in stand immediately. Move and remain at seat |
| Greeting | Bishop is without miter or crosier |  |  |  |  |
| Penitential Act |  |  |  |  |  |
| Glory to God |  |  |  |  |  |
| Collect |  |  | **BB** brings book to bishop at “Let us Pray…” |  |  |
|  | **Bishop receives miter** in preparation for the readings. |  | **BB** returns book to stand | Gives miter at completion of the Collect (Opening Prayer “Let us pray…Amen”) |  |

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| **Liturgy of the Word** | First Reading |  |  |  |  |  |
| Responsorial Psalm |  |  |  |  |  |
| Second Reading |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | **Deacon** moves to bishop for his blessing | **Candles** movetoward deacon for Gospel procession |  |  |
| Gospel Acclamation | **Bishop** removes miter |  |  | **MB** takes miter from Bishop and returns to seat – remain standing |  |
|  | **Deacon introduces the Gospel**. After Gospel introduction and *sign of cross (“Glory to you, oh Lord…”),* **Bishop receives crosier** for the Gospel |  |  |  | **CB** brings crosier to bishop and returns to seat remain standing |
| Gospel | Bishop has crosier |  | **Candles** held until congregation says “Praise to you…” |  |  |
|  | Bishop receives miter after the Gospel    Bishop gives crosier to **CB**, and does NOT wish to venerate gospel book | After gospel proclaimed, **Deacon** enthrones the book |  | **MB** brings miter to bishop | **CB** receives crosier from bishop and returns to seat |

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| **Confirmation** | Present Candidates | Bishop at presider’s chair with miter |  |  |  |  |
| Homily | Bishop with people |  |  |  |  |
| Profession of faith & renewal promises | Bishop at front of altar with miter and crozier |  | **BB** holds confirmation book for bishop |  | **CB** brings crosier to bishop and remains beside him |
|  | Before invitation (My dear friends), the **bishop gives miter and crosier**. |  |  | **MB** takes miter and stays beside bishop | **CB** holds crosier stays beside bishop |
| Invitation |  |  | **BB** continues to hold book |  |  |
| Laying on of hands | Bishop standing |  | **BB** continues to hold book |  |  |
|  | Before the chrism is brought out, the **bishop** receives the miter & crosier |  | **BB** returns book to table and sits | **MB** gives miter and return to seat | **CB** gives crosier and return to seat |
| Vessels of Chrism | Bishop remains in front of altar | **Deacon** brings Chrism and towel to bishop |  |  |  |
| Name and Anointing | Bishop with miter and crosier | **Deacon** holds oil, **Pastor** holds cards |  |  |  |
|  | Bishop returns to credence table to wash hands.  **CB** takes crosier to its stand.  Passes miter to **MB** | **Deacon** helps bishop and then moves to ambo to prepare for intercessions |  | After bishop washes his hands **MB** takes miter to table and sits | Before bishop washes his hands **CB** takes crosier and returns to seat |
| Intercessions (universal prayer) | Bishop has neither miter nor crosier. |  |  |  |  |
|  | After the Intercessions Bishop receives miter | **Deacon** sets the altar and helps altar servers | Altar servers light candles and set the altar with deacon | **MB** brings bishop miter and returns to seat |  |

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| **Liturgy of the Eucharist** | Presentation of the Gifts & Altar Preparation | **Bishop** has miter | **Deacon** goes to receive gifts from bishop and gives to **Altar Servers** | 3 Altar Servers to receive gifts of wine and bread handed to them from deacon and offerings from gift people |  |  |
| Prayer over the Gifts | After the Offertory and arriving at the altar, the **Bishop removes the miter**. **MB** puts it on table |  |  | **MB** takes miter from Bishop places it on table and returns to seat |  |
| * Eucharistic Prayer * Preface * Holy, Holy, Holy * First half of prayer, including Consecration * Mystery of Faith (Memorial Acclamation) * Second half of prayer, ending with Doxology * The Lord's Prayer * Sign of Peace * Lamb of God * Communion * Prayer after Communion | After the Prayer over the gifts, the bishop removes his zucchetto (skullcap) and Deacon removes it. | **Deacon** turning pages.  At prayer over the gifts, bishop places his zucchetto into the **deacon’s** outstretched hand that is on the altar so that the zucchetto does not touch the altar.  **Deacon** takes zucchetto to the presider’s chair or table and returns to the altar. | **All kneel** after the “Holy holy” before the Eucharistic prayer  **Cross bearer** ring bells  For Eucharist, all remain standing until the last person has received | Same as altar servers | Same as altar servers |

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|  | **Announcements (optional)** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Concluding Rites** | Greeting (The Lord be with you) | Right after announcements the Bishop receives Miter |  |  | **MB** gives miter to bishop and returns to seat |  |
| Final Blessing (“Bow your head for the blessing”) | Bishop has miter |  |  |  |  |
| Dismissal | Bishop gets crosier and says “The Lord be with you…” | **Deacon** announces the end of mass | Cross and Candles lead recessional out of the church as normal |  | CB gives crosier to bishop at the “The lord be with you” and returns to seat |
| Recessional | Bishop has Miter & Crosier and is the last to venerate and leave the sanctuary | **Serving deacons** venerate and exit last with bishop as normal | Altar Servers leave sanctuary as normal | Wait for bishop outside of sanctuary and walk behind him | Wait for bishop outside of sanctuary and walk behind him |