



CONFIRMATION - FORM C

HOW TO ASSIST THE BISHOP

AT THE CONFIRMATION LITURGY

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

- Bishop has mitre on and crozier in hand.

WHEN HE REACHES THE FOOT OF THE ALTAR

- Mitre and crozier are handed off; have a server or master of ceremony in place to receive it.
- If a tabernacle is in the center of the sanctuary, Bishop will genuflect.

IF INCENSE IS USED

- After Bishop reverences the altar, he will turn to the thurifer who should be standing near the rear corner of the altar, ready with the incense boat. (If a deacon is present the thurifer hands the incense boat to the deacon; if not, the thurifer hands it to the bishop.)
- Bishop incenses the altar, crucifix, and paschal candle [if it is in the sanctuary during the Easter season].
- Hint: The music director should provide enough music to cover this ritual action.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

- The server brings the *Sacramentary* to the Bishop for the Rite of Blessing and Sprinkling Holy Water. The bishop prefers to walk through the church alone, holding the bowl of blessed water and sprinkling the people.
- Bring the *Sacramentary* after he sprinkles the people -- there is a concluding prayer.
- If a Penitential Rite is used, and a deacon is present, the deacon will offer each invocation
- When the Gloria is required or permitted, the choir, cantor or organist may intone the Gloria.
- The server brings the *Sacramentary* for the Opening Prayer. It should be opened to the correct page.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

- Bring the mitre to the bishop before the First Reading
- Bishop sits and listens to the First Reading, Psalm, and Second Reading with his mitre on
- Gospel
 - Bring incense boat and thurible to the bishop; he will bless the incense and fill thurible
 - The deacon (if present) or a priest comes for a blessing; the server has crozier in hand, but stays out of way until the gospel reader departs
 - The server takes the mitre and gives the crozier
 - The Bishop stands and listens to the gospel with his crozier in his hand.
 - After the gospel, briefly take the crozier from him so that he might kiss the Book of Gospels.
- Bishop Boyea will preach with both mitre and crozier.

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Presentation of the Candidates

- Bishop will sit, with mitre on, after the gospel and hear the presentation of the candidates.

Homily

- After the homily, a server or deacon holds the Confirmation text for the bishop.

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

- The server or deacon continues to hold the Rite of Confirmation

Laying on of Hands

- There is no mitre nor crozier for this prayer
- There will be a period of silent prayer

- The Bishop will offer the Laying on of Hands over all the candidates at once.

Anointing with Chrism

- Bring the Chrism to the Bishop; bring miter and crosier
- After all have been anointed, the crosier is taken away
- Lemon, water, and an open towel are brought to the Bishop.
- Bishop washes his hands.

Profession of Faith

There is no Creed, since the renewal of baptismal promises has been part of this Mass.

General Intercessions

Bishop will begin the General Intercessions.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts and the Altar

The Bishop will wear his miter as he receives the gifts.

Place the *Sacramentary* on the altar during the Preparation of the Altar and the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer

Bishop's zucchetto (amaranth-red cap) is taken away as he recites the Eucharistic Prayer. He may place it on the altar, then a priest or deacon should hand it off to a server

The Prayer After Communion

After the distribution of Holy Communion, bring the *Sacramentary* for the Prayer After Communion

CONCLUDING RITE

Greeting

"The Lord be with you" "And also with you" (or other form of Episcopal greeting)

Prayer over the People

Deacon: "Bow your head and pray for God's blessing."

After the solemn invocations or the Prayer over the People, then give the bishop his miter and crosier for the concluding blessing.

Closing Hymn

Bishop will have wear the miter and carry the crosier as he processes out



Best piece of advice: watch the Bishop and be attentive to his needs or requests.