

The Book-Bearer at Pontifical Solemn Mass at the Throne

In Sacristy and Procession

You begin empty handed, and out of the way of the other servers.
You process behind the Crosier-bearer, to the right of bugia bearer

In Sanctuary

Go to the Gospel side, just in front of ADII Wait for MC signal, genuflect. Go to place, kneel for the prayers at the foot of the altar.

First Incensation of the Altar

Stand as Bishop ascends altar, Get book from Mc. Bishop will be incensed, and will process to the throne. Follow the Mitre and Crosier bearers to the throne, staying on the left side of the bugia-bearer

At Throne

Genuflect as you approach bishop with Bugia-bearer, and whenever you cross the Bishop while he is on the throne.

Introit

Ascend throne remaining on the right side of the bugia-bearer. Hold Book at a good distance for the Bishop. Bishop will recite Introit standing - remain standing. Bishop will say the Kyrie with the ministers around him. The missal will then be closed by the MC, descend with bugia-bearer, genuflect, and, turning outwards towards Bishop, go to normal throne position.

Kyrie

If the Bishop sits for the sung Kyrie, wait for other capellani to assume positions, and on MC's signal, sit. Sit by turning clockwise towards the bishop, genuflect to the bishop, turn inward toward the Crosier bearer, and sit on the second step of the throne. Rise immediately on MC's signal, and return to position.

Gloria

At end of sung Kyrie, Bishop will go for sermon. Sit as usual. At end of sermon stand go with bugia and get Pontifical.

Ordinations

Refer to notes

Collects

When Bishop rises, immediately join bugia-bearer at base of throne, genuflect and ascend. Bishop will recite Collect(s). At end of last collect, MC will close missal. Descend, genuflect, and resume normal throne position. Epistle, Sit at MC's signal Stand immediately after end of Epistle, resume position.

Gradual and Tract

Immediately join bugia-bearer at base of throne, genuflect and ascend. Bishop will read the Gradual and the Tract. When finished, descend, genuflect and return to normal throne position.

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Gospel

Remain in position during Gospel Procession preparation. Incense will be imposed. Deacon will receive Bishop's blessing. Procession will genuflect and depart. Remain in your place as other Capellani form a line to your left. After the Gospel, turn clockwise, genuflect with other capellani, turn back to standard position.

Offertory

Bishop will rise, without crosier and mitre to recite the Offertory. Join book-bearer at base of throne, genuflect, ascend. At end of Offertory prayer, descend, genuflect, and depart throne, going to the gospel side, behind the column. AP will come and take missal from book-bearer.

At Altar

Second Incensation of the Altar

Preface and Sanctus

Consecration

Kneel at MC's signal. Stand after elevation of the Chalice. Remain in position. You do not receive pax.

Communion

You ought to receive at an earlier Mass. Remain in position, kneeling during the distribution of communion. Stand when the tabernacle door closes.

Ablutions

AP will replace Pontifical Canon to centre of altar, and place missal onto missal stand. AP will transfer missal, descending steps diagonally.

Postcommunion and Dismissal

Kneel for blessing, rise, and go to departure position. At signal for departure, genuflect. Bishop will be reciting Last Gospel on way to the Sacristy.

When in sacristy, genuflect at the words 'et verbum caro factum est', bow to the Cross, to the Bishop, and kneel to receive his blessing.

Penance

Get Pontifical after blessing and ascend to usual place for bishop to read the penance