

## Confirmation Ceremony

The Sacred Ministers and Servers process in as follows:

**AC2 AC1**  
**MC**  
**AD B AP**  
**CB MB**  
**Bub BB**

The Acolytes Genuflect immediately and so to their place next to the Credence.

The Bugia Bearer and Book Bearer genuflect and stand next to their seats on the Epistle side of the Sanctuary.

The Crozier Bearer and Mitre Bearer immediately approach the Bishop. The CB receives the Crozier from the Bishop and the MB receives the Mitre from the Assistant Priest. The CB and MB then resume their usual place in the Sanctuary on the Epistle side.

The MC then gives a signal for all to kneel for the Veni Creator. After the first verse all stand. Immediately after the Hymn, all genuflect. The CB and MB present the Mitre and Crozier and return to their places at the Epistle side of the Sanctuary.

- The Bishop gives a short Sermon
- The AP and AD sit on the Gospel side
- The CB, MB, and MC sit on the Epistle side

After the sermon, the Bishop comes before the altar. The AP and AD join him, **but they switch sides. Thus the AP will now be on the Gospel side, and the AD on the Epistle side.** The CB immediately receives the Crosier and goes back to his place. The AD removes the Mitre and keeps it. Then all genuflect.

The Bishop, AP, and AD ascend the altar. The Bishop immediately sits for the 1st Lavabo. The AD then gives the Mitre to the Bishop. The Acolytes immediately come before the Bishop for the Lavabo. After the Lavabo, the Acolytes go back to their place.

After the Lavabo, the AD removes the Mitre and gives it to the MB, who goes back to his place.

As soon as the Acolytes leave, the Bub and BB genuflect and stand before the Bishop on the second step.

The Bishop then recites the preparatory prayers facing the people. After the preparatory prayers, the Bishop sits. The Bub and BB then kneel on the top step on the Epistle side. At this

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point, the MB presents the Mitre to the AD, who gives it to the Bishop. The MB goes back to his place.

The MC then gives the Gremial and the Holy Oils to the AD. Then the MC gives the cotton to the AP. The Confirmations now take place. The MC signals for the Confirmands to approach.

When the Confirmations are finished, the Choir sings the Confirma Hoc. The Bub and BB now genuflect and go to their places on the Gospel side. The MC gives the Bread and Lemons to the AD, and takes the Holy Oils.

The Acolytes immediately come before the bishop, genuflect, and kneel for the Lavabo. The MC then takes the cotton from the AP. After the Lavabo of the Bishop, the Acolytes kiss his ring. The MC will take the Bread and Lemons from the AD.

When the Choir has finished the Confirma Hoc, the AD removes the Mitre and the Bishop stands. The MB then receives the Mitre from the AD, and goes back to his place.

The Bub and BB now genuflect in the middle. The BB then stands at the foot of the altar, holding the Book for the Bishop, while he recites the remaining prayers at the foot of the altar, facing the altar. For the last prayer, the Bishop turns towards the Confirmands and blesses them.

After this last prayer, the Bub and BB genuflect, and **go to their usual place at the Gospel side of the Sanctuary**. The Bishop now ascends the altar, sits, and receives the Mitre and Crozier. He then recites the Credo, Pater, and Ave with the Confirmands. All stand for this.

After the Ave. the Bishop gives up the Mitre and Crozier, descends the altar and all genuflect. The CB and MB present the Crozier and Mitre, and all return to the sacristy.