

The Crosier Bearer at Pontifical Solemn Mass at the Throne

In Sanctuary

Arrive well before the Mass begins, at least ten minutes. Vest in surplice, humeral veil and cope. Hold crosier while bishop is vesting, stay out of the way. Bishop will impose incense, and then will receive crosier

Procession

Process behind Bishop and ADs, to the left of Mitre Bearer

Arrive in Sanctuary

After cross threshold of sanctuary, cross to the right, in front of Mitre Bearer. Bishop arrives at foot of altar, gives up crosier immediately. Take crosier, go to place on the epistle side of the sanctuary. General genuflection, all kneel for prayers at foot of altar.

Prayers at Foot of the Altar

You will remain in your place throughout. Stand on MC's signal to rise as Bishop ascends

First Incensation of Altar

Bishop will incense altar when Bishop is being incensed, approach steps of Altar

After Bishop is incensed, ascend steps and give crosier

Descend, process to throne behind Bishop.

At Throne

Bishop will give crosier immediately at throne.

Go to usual throne position.

Introit, Kyrie

Remain in position.

Gloria

Bishop will sit after reciting Gloria, receiving Miter and gremial

Sit on MC signal (given to ADs)

Stand shortly before Gloria, go to normal throne position.

Collects, Epistle

Remain in position.

Gospel

Book and Candle Bearers will return to position, incense will be imposed. Gospel procession will genuflect and depart. Mitre and gremial will be removed, bishop will stand. Give crosier, return in sync to the Bugia bearers left, facing the Gospel. Immediately after Gospel, genuflect to Bishop, take crosier and return to position.

Sermon

If there is a sermon, bishop will receive mitre, give crosier and return to place

On choir-master's signal, sit. Rise immediately at end of sermon, to position.

Credo, Offertory

Remain in position throughout. Book and Candle bearer will depart

Bishop will stand, give crosier, follow bishop to altar.

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At Altar

Bishop immediately gives up crosier.
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Go to place behind ADII

Second Incensation of Altar, Praegustatio, Preface, Sanctus

Remain in position.

Consecration

Kneel as per MC signal

Agnus Dei, Pax, Communion

You will not receive pax, and will receive communion at earlier Mass

Communion Antiphon, Postcommunion

When tabernacle door shuts, rise and go to position on epistle side, to the left of Miter Bearer

Ite Missa est and Benediction

During singing of Ite Missa Est, approach steps of altar
Just before the singing of Pater, ascend and give crosier
Kneel on predella for blessing.
Rise immediately and descend, go to position on Epistle side.
Bishop will begin Last Gospel

Recession

Bishop will first impose incense
Approach as incense is blessed, give crosier
Return to place, general genuflection.

Process behind bishop, to the left of the Mitre Bearer
In sacristy, genuflect to the words 'et verbum caro factum est'
bow to crucifix, take crosier, kneel for bishop's blessing