

SOLEMN MASS - DEACON & SUBDEACON

VESTING

Subdeacon: Amice, Alb, Cincture, Tunicle, Maniple (for a real Subdeacon)

Deacon: Amice, Alb, Cincture, Stole, Dalmatic, Maniple

If there will be an Asperges before Mass the Maniple is not put on till after the Asperges at the sedilia.

PROCESSION - If the Celebrant is wearing a cope the Deacon will be at his right holding the cope and Subdeacon at his left. Otherwise single file.

ASPERGES - At MC's signal stand and upon turning cross in front of **Celebrant** (Deacon closest to **Celebrant**). When facing the choirs **Deacon** should always be on **Celebrant's** right side. But each time when genuflecting to the Altar **Deacon** should be on **Celebrant's** left. Switch again in the back after genuflecting and proceeding back to the Altar

PRAYERS - Vest at sedilia then return to Altar for prayers at the foot as usual.

INCENSE ALTAR - **Deacon** holds the boat for imposition of incense.

Benedicite Pater reverende (Kisses and blessing omitted at Requiem.) After Altar is incensed, **Deacon** incenses **Celebrant** with **Subdeacon** at **Deacon's** left.

INTROIT and **KYRIE** - **Deacon** lines up with his left shoulder in line with **Celebrant's** right shoulder. **Subdeacon** lines up with his left shoulder in line with **Deacon's** right shoulder. Make sign of cross with **Celebrant** (omitted at Requiem). After *Kyrie* straighten the line. **Deacon** and **Subdeacon** answer *Kyrie*.

GLORIA - Go to centre lined up behind **Celebrant**. After "*Gloria in excelsis Deo*" is intoned **MC** will signal you to take your places at **Celebrant's** right = **Deacon** and at **Celebrant's** left = **Subdeacon**. Recite the rest of the *Gloria* with **Celebrant**. Genuflect at the altar and go directly to the sedilia.

COLLECT(S) - Return to altar, genuflect, line up. Stay lined up and go with **Celebrant** to book.

EPISTLE - During last Collect **MC** will bring book to **Subdeacon**. **Subdeacon** bows with **MC** at end of collect and goes to centre, genuflect on step and go to sing Epistle at edge of Sanctuary. After the Epistle go genuflect on the step and kneel on the altar for C's Blessing. Hold book so **Celebrant** can put his hand on it, then kiss his hand. Step down and return book to **MC** go to your place behind the **Deacon**. **Deacon** assists at the book when **MC** leaves for the epistle and returns to his place behind **Celebrant** after **Subdeacon** receives the blessing from **Celebrant**.

GRADUAL, ALLELUIA - Sit as indicated by **MC**.

GOSPEL - **Deacon** takes book from **MC**. Simultaneously **Subdeacon** gets Missal from Altar they genuflect together. **Subdeacon** puts the Missal on the Gospel side. (At Requiem Mass put Missal by Tabernacle.) **Deacon** sets Evangelarium in front of tabernacle. **Deacon** assists with imposition of incense while **Subdeacon** watches. **Subdeacon** then steps down to wait for the Gospel procession. **Deacon** says the Munda Cor, picks up the

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book, kneels, asks for a blessing, stands and joins the procession. At a signal from **MC** they genuflect and follow others to Gospel place. **Subdeacon** steps back between the acolytes and holds the book. **Deacon** sings the Gospel and points out the beginning of the Gospel to **Subdeacon**. **Subdeacon** indicates the beginning of the Gospel and goes directly to **Celebrant** for it to be kissed. **Subdeacon** then waits and genuflects on the altar when the others genuflect on the floor. He then steps down returns the book to **MC** and goes to **Deacon's** left.

If sermon - Deacon and Subdeacon will wait for **Celebrant** to genuflect with him and go to the sedilia.

If no sermon - Deacon and Subdeacon will genuflect with the others and then line up for the Credo.

CREDO - at *Deum* **Deacon & Subdeacon** Bow. **MC** will then signal them to take their places. **Deacon** at **Celebrant's** right. **Subdeacon** at his left. Kneel on step for sung *Et homo factus est* (if not enough time to sit) then go to sedilia. **Celebrant** sits. **Deacon** gets burse from **MC** and spreads corporal. He then genuflects and goes per breviorum to the sedilia bows to **Subdeacon** and both sit. (IF **Subdeacon** sat he stands when **Deacon** returns) **Subdeacon** and **Deacon** always bow to each other before sitting. They do not Bow to the **Celebrant**. N.B. There is a right way to spread a corporal! Every other way is wrong. Unfold toward the Gospel side, then toward the Epistle side, then back toward the Tabernacle then toward the front. Reverse the process to fold it.

OFFERTORY - Line up. At *Oremus* **Deacon** goes to **Celebrant's** right. **Subdeacon** genuflects with **MC** and goes to get the Chalice. **MC** will take Humeral veil, **Subdeacon** then takes chalice veil off and **MC** puts Humeral veil on **Subdeacon**. **Subdeacon** with Humeral veil covering the chalice with the left side, and with his right hand on top, brings up the Chalice and sets it on the altar. (If no Credo he also brings the burse) **Deacon** Removes pall, hands paten to **Celebrant** w/ kisses (If ciborium he uncovers it and covers it after prayer) **Subdeacon**, if real McCoy, wipes inside of Chalice, else **Deacon** does it. **Deacon** pours wine. **Subdeacon**, if kosher, pours water - *Benedicite Pater reverende*. Else **Deacon** does it. **Deacon** wipes drops gives **Celebrant** Chalice w/ kisses. **Celebrant & Deacon** offer Chalice. **Deacon** covers chalice. **Deacon** gives paten to **Subdeacon**. **Subdeacon** goes to foot of altar. **Deacon** lays purificator next to Corporal. (During Requiem Mass all Kisses of hand and object are omitted. The blessing of the Water is not asked for, and **Subdeacon** does not take paten, and assists with incensation.)

INCENSATION - **Celebrant** incenses altar. **Deacon** incenses **Celebrant, B, Priests** in choir who are wearing surplices, Choirs (dignior first), **Subdeacon**. **Deacon** then goes to step and is incensed. IF **Deacon** is in place he answers *Suscipiat*, else **Subdeacon** does it UNLESS he is then being incensed by **Deacon**.

SANCTUS - At end of Preface on signal from **MC**, **Deacon** and **Subdeacon** take their places at **Celebrant's** right and left. They say the Sanctus w/ **Celebrant**. **Subdeacon** then returns to foot of altar without genuflecting or bowing. **Deacon** switches sides genuflecting in the centre.

CANON - **Deacon** turns pages. Step back at Commemorations. At words QUAM OBLATIONEM **Deacon** goes to **Celebrant's** right, genuflects in middle. If Ciborium

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Deacon uncovers it. All kneel at signal. **Deacon** stands covers Ciborium, uncovers Chalice, kneels, stands, covers Chalice, genuflects, swaps sides, turns page, genuflects. **Subdeacon** stands at signal with others. At *Per quem haec omnia* (OR WHEN MC SIGNALS) **Deacon** genuflects and switches sides, uncovers Chalice, after minor elevation **Deacon** covers Chalice. (During Requiem Mass Thurifer will bring thurible to **Subdeacon** and assist at his right during the Consecration.)

PATER NOSTER - After genuflecting with **Celebrant**, at the *Audemus dicere* **Deacon** goes to centre behind **Celebrant**. at Et dimitte nobis, on signal from MC, **Deacon** & **Subdeacon** genuflect and both go to **Celebrant's** right. **Subdeacon** gives **Deacon** the paten and then gives the humeral veil to AC. **Subdeacon** & AC genuflect and **Subdeacon** returns to his place, w/o an additional genuflection. (At Requiem **Subdeacon** stays at foot of steps.) **Deacon** wipes paten and gives it to **Celebrant**, setting it on the edge of the Corporal, vertically, w/ kisses. **Deacon** uncovers Chalice for particle to be put in and covers it again.

at *Pax DOMINI*, on signal from MC, **Subdeacon** genuflects and goes to **Celebrant's** left for *Agnus Dei*. **Subdeacon** genuflects with **Celebrant** & **Deacon** after **Deacon** covers Chalice. **Celebrant**, **Deacon**, & **Subdeacon** recite *Agnus Dei* together. **Subdeacon** then genuflects with MC and returns to his place. **Deacon** kneels to **Celebrant's** right for prayer *Domine Jesu Christi* **Deacon** stands and kisses altar simultaneously w/ **Celebrant**. **Celebrant** gives **Deacon** *Pax*. (If a Bishop is present then **Deacon** genuflects goes *per brevior* to Bishop, gives Bishop *Pax*.) **Deacon** (returns) gives **Subdeacon** *Pax*. **Deacon**, **Subdeacon**, MC genuflect, **Subdeacon** goes to give *Pax* to choirs with MC. **Deacon** goes to **Celebrant's** left. At Requiem Mass after *Agnus Dei* **Subdeacon** and **Deacon** genuflect and switch sides (unless if Straw **Subdeacon** then stay on gospel side).

COMMUNION - **Subdeacon** returns gives *Pax* to MC. **Subdeacon** goes to **Celebrant's** right to uncover and cover the Chalice for Communion of the Priest. After **Celebrant** consumes the Precious Blood and the Chalice is covered **Deacon** & **Subdeacon** switch sides genuflecting before and after, if Ciborium on altar, else in centre when passing. **Deacon** removes Ciborium from tabernacle, **Subdeacon** assists by holding tabernacle veil. **Deacon** uncovers Ciborium. (All make appropriate genuflections) **Deacon** sings *Confiteor*.

N.B. If **Subdeacon** is not a proper **Subdeacon** He can not uncover the Chalice for the **Celebrant's** Communion. In this case **Subdeacon** will not go to **Celebrant's** right after returning from giving the *Pax* but will go to **Celebrant's** left and **Deacon** will uncover the Chalice. If **Deacon** and **Subdeacon** are to communicate they kneel for the *Ecce Agnus Dei*, Otherwise they switch sides and stand next to **Celebrant** for this prayer. **Deacon** holds the paten for Communion. It may be more convenient for **Subdeacon** to take paten from Corporal and give it to **Deacon**.

ABLUTIONS - **Deacon** assisted by **Subdeacon** puts Ciborium in Tabernacle and locks it, w/ genuflections. **Deacon** and **Subdeacon** switch sides genuflecting in the middle. **Subdeacon** pours wine and water for ablutions, after pouring water he immediately gives **Celebrant** the purificator. **Deacon** & **Subdeacon** then switch sides with the Missal and Pall. **Deacon** goes to his place behind the book. **Subdeacon** wipes Chalice and puts it together and takes it in his left hand to Credence. **Subdeacon** then joins C & **Deacon** either in centre, w/ genuflection or at Missal w/o a genuflection. **N.B.** A straw

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Subdeacon can not wipe out the chalice. In this case **Celebrant** will do it or **Deacon** will do it. **Subdeacon** will then finish putting it together.

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If **Deacon** sings *Benedicamus Domino* or *Requiescant in pace* He does not turn toward the people. **Deacon & Subdeacon** kneel for Blessing. **Subdeacon** then immediately goes to Gospel side to hold card for last Gospel. He does not genuflect during the last Gospel. Celebrant, Deacon, Subdeacon go to centre, bow, descend, genuflect, then all process out process out.