Mitre Bearer for Solemn Pontifical High Mass

In Sacristy

Remain out of the way

PROCESSION

Follow immediately behind bishop, to the right of crosier bearer

In Sanctuary

Let crosier bearer pass in front of you

Go to left, to receive Mitre from the Deacon.

Move to epistle side, genuflect, kneel to right of Crosier bearer

First Incensation of Altar

Stand as bishop ascends altar at MC signals

When bishop genuflects second time on return to epistle side, present Mitre to ADI Return to place.

Genuflect, follow Bishop to throne, right of Crosier Bearer

At Throne

As Bishop ascends, go immediately to the right side, wait to receive Mitre from ADII Exchange Precious Mitre for the Golden Mitre, return to normal throne position. Always genuflect when passing Bishop on throne.

Introit

Remain in place

Kyrie

If Bishop sits, present Mitre to ADI (who sits on Bishops right, closest to you), return, sit at MC signal. Rise immediately and receive Mitre from ADII, return to normal throne position.

Gloria

Bishop intones Gloria standing, without Mitre.

After reciting Gloria, Bishop will sit. Present Mitre to ADI, return, sit at MC signal. Before end of Gloria, rise, go to ADII to receive Mitre.

Collects

Bishop is uncovered.

Bishop will sit at end of collects. Approach ADI, present Mitre, resume throne position

Epistle

Sit at MC's signal.

Stand immediately after end of Epistle, go to normal throne position.

Gospel

Remain in position during gospel procession preparations. Incense will be imposed.

After Deacon receives blessing, procession will genuflect and depart.

Immediately cross, genuflect and receive Mitre from ADII

Return 'in-sync' to Cappellani, facing Gospel.

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Sermon

After gospel go immediately to ADI, give Mitre

Return to position as Bishop passes to altar

Sit at MC's command for the sermon.

Stand at end of sermon, approach ADII to receive Mitre.

Creed

As per Gloria, give Mitre to ADI shortly before Bishop sits. Return and sit at MC's signal Stand before end of Credo, go to ADII to receive Mitre.

Exchange Golden Mitre for Precious Mitre.

Offertory

Bishop reads offertory standing, without Mitre.

After reciting, Bishop will sit. Approach ADI with precious Mitre.

Return to place. Bishop will wash hands, Bookbearer and Bugia bearer will leave.

Bishop will rise and go to altar. Follow Bishop, to the right of Crosier bearer.

At Altar

Before you reach the altar, allow Crosier bearer to cross to the right.

Approach Deacon to receive the precious Mitre.

Move to position, genuflect at signal with Crosier bearer, go to place.

Second Incensation of Altar

Bishop will impose incense and incense oblata, crucifix, relics, and then the altar

When Bishop genuflects to return to epistle side, approach ADI, give Mitre.

Bishop will be mitered by ADI for incensation. He will say the Lavabo with the Mitre.

Remain near ADII to receive Mitre.

ADII will remove Mitre before Gloria of Lavabo psalm. receive Mitre from ADII Return to place.

Preface and Sanctus

Remain in position

Kneel for consecration, as per sanctuary.

Agnus Dei and Pax

Do not receive Pax

Communion

You ought to receive at an earlier Mass. Remain in position, kneeling during distribution of communion

Stand when tabernacle door closes

Ablutions

After second ablution (AC's will leave), AP and Bugia bearer will transfer Missal and Bugia, approach altar without obstructing their path.

Give Mitre Deacon, wait at altar to receive Mitre back.

Return to position once you receive Mitre

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Postcommunion and Dismissal

Approach altar as Deacon sings the Ite Missa Est.

Give the Mitre to the Deacon, on his left side.

Go immediately to the epistle side, kneel for blessing.

Deacon will keep Mitre till end of Mass, covering and uncovering Bishop as required.

Recession

Stand immediately after blessing.

Move to position in order to genuflect

Genuflect and depart, following Bishop, on the right side of the Crosier bearer Bishop will be reciting Last Gospel during recessional. When in Sacristy, all genuflect to the words 'Et Caro Factum est'. All bow to cross, and kneel for bishop's blessing.