

Pontifical Low Mass

Preparation:

Credence:

Ewer with water, bowl and towel.
Chalice and cruets prepared as usual
Cushion and card for prayers after Mass
Two tapers, matches and stoles for Deacons (if they communicate)

Altar:

Vestments as set for a priest. (maniple laid to the left separate.)
Scull cap on a silver plate to the left.
Pectoral Cross to the right on a plate also.
4 candles lit.
Bugia to the right of the missal, lit.
Episcopal Canon in the centre and Missale on the Epistle side, both open no altar cards
2 candles unlit placed on the second step in the front corners.

BEGINNING

All process in, **Acs leading**, genuflect, **Acs** go to the credence and prepare ewer, bowl and hand towel. **Deacons** go to **Bishop** in choir, profound bow, escort him to centre of the altar, genuflect, go around to **Acs** who kneeling wash his hands **Deacon 1** holding **Bishop's** ring. **Bishop** returns to centre, **Deacons** assist him to vest. **Deacon 1** holds maniple. Prayers at the foot of the altar. At *Indulgentiam* **Deacon 1** gives maniple to **Bishop**, with usual kisses. At conclusion of prayers **Deacons** and **Bishop** ascend to the altar. Then all move across to the missal, **Deacon 2** holds the bugia, all bow at the *Glória Patri*. Go to centre for *Kýrie* then *Glória* (if said), then *Dominus vobiscum* or *Pax vobis* (if the *Glória* is said). All move to missal for collect, Epistle, Gradual etc.

GOSPEL

At the conclusion of the last prayer, while **Bishop** says *Munda cor*, **Deacon 1** moves the missal going down to the centre and meeting **Deacon 2** who comes around the long way with bugia. Then during the Gospel **Deacon 1** gets chalice from credence and set it up in the centre. **Deacon 2** remains holding bugia for **Bishop** at his left. At conclusion of Gospel **Deacon 2** puts bugia down lifts up book for **Bishop** to kiss, then transfers the missal and stand to its position in the centre.

Assist at Creed (if said)

OFFERTORY

Ac 1 brings up the cruets of water and wine. **Deacon 1** moves chalice to the Epistle side, removes pall, hands the paten to the **Bishop** with usual kisses. Then he cleans chalice, puts in wine and water after asking for the blessing. The cruets are taken back by **Ac1** as well as chalice veil. Meanwhile **Deacon 2** turns pages on the Episcopal Canon as needed.

Deacon 1 uncovers and covers chalice as needed and takes Episcopal Canon across for the *Lavabo*. The **Acs** assist kneeling. **Deacon 2** in the meantime comes across leaving bugia, and takes the ring from the **Bishop**, then goes back to book, **Deacon 1** puts Episcopal Canon back.

CANON

After the secret **Deacon 1** gives Episcopal Canon to **Deacon 2** who has given the altar missal to **Ac2**. **Ac1** come up on Epistle side with plate for scull cap. After the **Acs** have done these things they take lighted tapers and light the two candle which are on the second step, on either sides of the altar to the front, then they return to their places.

At the Memento the **Deacons** recede as usual. Both kneel for the consecration, with **Deacon 1** opening the ciborium if there be one to consecrate and **Deacon 2** turning the pages as needed. **Deacons** hold chasuble so as to free the arms of the **Bishop**, at the second genuflection **Deacon 1** rises covers ciborium, then uncovers the chalice. **Deacon 2** turns pages if needed. After elevation of Precious Blood **Deacon 1** covers and genuflects with **Bishop**, **Deacon 2** rises and assists at the book holding the bugia. At *Libera nos*, **Deacon 1** gives paten to **Bishop** with kisses.

After the *Agnus Dei* **Ac2** brings the stoles for the Deacons. Both **Deacons** bow for **Bishop** communion, then **Acs** go to the centre genuflect and kneel on lowest step, while **Deacon 1** open tabernacle takes out ciborium etc. then the Deacons kneel on the predella, say the *Confiteor*, then **Deacon 2** gets the paten and returns to the side of the **Deacon 1** giving him the paten.

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COMMUNION

Acs go get their candles and lead **Deacons** and **Bishop** to the place of distribution. Upon return **Acs** put candles back and kneel by them until tabernacle is closed. **Deacon 1** replaces ciborium etc.

ABLUTIONS

When tabernacle is closed **Acs** extinguish candles. **Ac1** gets cruet tray and plate with skull cap and takes it up to **Deacon 1**. **Ac2** gets the Altar missal and chalice veil and takes it around to **Deacon 2** taking back with him **Deacon 2's** stole. **Deacon 1** does the ablutions, then **Deacon 1** with pall and **Deacon 2** with missal and bugia swap sides. When the **Bishop** has done the last ablution **Deacon 2** puts skull cap on **Bishop**.

After ablutions **Bishop** washes his hands with **Acs** and **Deacon 2** assisting. **Deacon 2** holds bugia for communion verse etc. going with the **Bishop**. At the conclusion **Deacon 2** replaces bugia and the closes the missal, then goes to the centre and kneels on the predella with **Deacon 1** for blessing.

After the blessing **Deacon 1** takes the Episcopal Canon around for the Last Gospel, with **Deacon 2** holding the bugia, at the conclusion **Deacon 2** replaces bugia, **Bishop** takes off the maniple and all descend to the foot of the altar. **Ac2** brings across cushion and card to **Deacon 2** for prayers after Mass

Bishop divests **Ac2** bring plate for skull cap and pectoral cross, vestments are put back on the altar. **Deacons** escort **Bishop** back to choir, then **Acs** and **Deacons** process out.