

SOLEMN MASS - THE THURIFER

BEGINNING

15 minutes before Mass light the charcoals. Take thurible and boat to the stand at the credence. Make sure there are extra coals and matches at your place. At the signal ring the bell then lead the procession. Entering the sanctuary go to your left before the steps. At the signal genuflect, take the aspergillum to the **MC**, then return to your place. Assist with Asperges

FIRST INCENSATION

When incense has been blessed take boat from deacon. Give him the thurible and return to your place with the boat. After incensation of priest receive thurible from Subdeacon and return to credence. Assist at Mass with acolytes sitting and standing in usual way.

GOSPEL

When gradual ends, prepare thurible and wait. When ministers ascend altar go to **deacon's** right, have incense put on and blessed. Take thurible and boat back to credence. Dispose of boat then lead **Acs** to sanctuary. Stand at **MC's** right. At signal genuflect turning inwards walk next to **MC** in Gospel procession, at his signal hand thurible to **MC** and when you receive it back you should not swing it during the Gospel.

After *Laus Tibi Christe* lead procession with **MC** back to altar leaving room for **deacon** to walk through you. Genuflect on signal and hand thurible to deacon bow with him before and after he incenses the celebrant. Receive thurible back. Genuflect on signal and follow **Acs** back to credence.

CREDO

Assist at Mass in usual manner. Light another coal if necessary (if there is sermon light one) during *Credo*.

OFFERTORY

When **subdeacon** departs from credence prepare thurible and boat and wait. When celebrant lowers the chalice go to **deacon's** right and have incense put on and blessed, return boat to credence and return to foot of altar at epistle side. When **deacon** turns to face celebrant step up at his right and bow with him before and after he incenses celebrant. Lead **deacon** to choir have him incense priests, Gospel choir, epistle choir, and **subdeacon** (Subdeacon crossbearer if there be one) then incense him after he steps onto his step. Then incense **MC**, (**MC1**, **MC2**) **Acs**, and finally the laity. (Note: Remember to interrupt the incensation and make a deep bow of the head to the altar when the celebrant sings "*Gratias agamus..*"). Go to the centre and wait for torch bearers to line then signal for genuflection and lead them out to get their torches. Return to credence. After the *Sanctus* bell has been rung, prepare thurible with 3 spoonfuls of incense then go to the **subdeacon's** right kneel when he does so. Incense the Sanctissimum at each elevation.

Stand when **MC** stands, return to the credence. After the tabernacle doors are closed lead the torch bearer back out. During Last Gospel put 2 spoonfuls of incense on coals then lead **Acs** to sanctuary. Genuflect at "*Et incarnátus est*". When **MC** signals, genuflect and turning by your right recess out.