

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION MINISTERIAL ROLES

- Pastor:**
1. If proclaiming the Gospel usually receives the bishop's blessing.
  2. After the Post Communion Prayer, the pastor says in these or similar words, as applicable, thanks:
    - *Ex: The devoted efforts of our staff and volunteers deserve every recognition and commendation. We sincerely thank our parish staff, parish volunteers, our newly confirmed and their families and sponsors, parish/school director of religious education, Confirmation coordinator, program preparer, catechists, lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, musicians, servers, ushers, decorators, sacristans and reception hosts.*

(Individual names of some may be mentioned, if desired).

### OR

- *Ex: Our Confirmation program lists many of the people who have made this celebration so special. I thank all who are so listed. Specifically, I mention by name (1-3 people).*
  - a) *by name*, the parochial vicar, deacon, DRE/CRE, Confirmation coordinator, principal, teachers/catechists, music director, emcee, liturgical minister, hospitality minister, reception preparers, youth minister. ( If the names are already listed in the program, as is highly recommended, or program insert as recommended, a general reference can be made);
  - b) *by category*, the lectors, Eucharistic ministers, musicians, ushers, decorators and reception preparers;
  - c) *by category*, the parents and sponsors for their support and encouragement of the newly confirmed;
  - d) invites everyone to the reception and indicates its place.  
*Ex: A reception follows the ceremony in \_\_\_\_\_. All are invited".*

(Bishop will then thank Pastor & newly confirmed & will conclude with personal comments.)

### **Deacon: Introductory Rite**

(if present)

1. Processes in carrying the Gospel Book and places it on the altar.
2. Sits at the right of the bishop.
3. If Penitential Rite Form C is used, prays the invocations, or if there is a sprinkling rite, may assist.

### **Liturgy of the Word**

4. Bows to the bishop, receives a blessing, processes with the Gospel Book to the ambo.
5. Announces the gospel, incenses the Word and then proclaims the Gospel.

### **Confirmation Rite**

6. Holds the Chrism for the bishop.
7. Prays the General Intercessions, usually not from the ambo, if another station is available. (It is preferred that only the Word of God be proclaimed at the ambo.)

### **Universal Prayer (General Intercessions)**

8. May proclaim petitions.

### **Liturgy of the Eucharist**

9. Pours water into the chalices of wine.
10. At the doxology, lifts the cup as the bishop lifts the Body of Christ.

### **Communion Rite**

11. Invites the people to share a Sign of Peace.
12. Distributes the Blood of Christ.

### **Concluding Rite**

13. Invites the people to bow their heads for the blessing
14. Says the dismissal.
15. Reverences altar and processes out (without the book) right before the bishop. Only deacons with competent voices should attempt singing the various sung invitations/prayers, etc.

## **MINISTERIAL ROLES**

### **Emcee (if used)**

#### **Before the ceremony, check the following:**

1. Readings, Gospel book, General Intercessions, Sacramentary, Confirmation Rite
2. Gifts, Chrism (may be brought up in worthy container in entrance procession - before Gospel book), water and basin, soap or lemon and towel, chalices and patens, sufficient hosts and wine, corporal, purificators.
3. Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Confirmation Assistants (depending on the number of Confirmandi)
4. Line up participants, begin on time.

**After Ceremony** Pack bishop's vestments and put in his car

### **During Ceremony**

#### **Introductory Rite**

1. Process in, at the altar take mitre and crosier (or at entrance to sanctuary)  
Order of Procession is: (incense, if used, normally not) cross, candles, (2<sup>nd</sup> emcee here when used) Gospel Book (deacon), clergy, (emcee here), bishop, mitre/crosier/book bearer.
2. At the altar take the mitre and crosier from the bishop and hand to bearers.

#### **Liturgy of the Word**

3. Return mitre to bishop during readings.
4. Take mitre and give crosier to bishop before Gospel.

#### **Confirmation Rite**

5. During Presentation of Candidates - no mitre, no crosier
6. During renewal of baptismal promises, the bishop needs mitre and pontifical book.
7. Laying on of Hands (prayer), book needed to be held by deacon or server (not priest who will be needed to impose hands), no mitre, no crosier.
8. Bring over the Chrism for deacon or server to hold as bishop anoints.
9. Lead the candidates forward from the main aisle (if necessary) and facilitate the movement of the procession.
10. Mitre, crosier, and chrism needed during anointing.

11. Near the end of the anointing of the candidates, ready servers with bowl, pitcher, soap and towel for the washing of bishop's hands.

**Liturgy of the Eucharist**

12. May lead gift bearers to the sanctuary or the bishop's chair.
13. Make sure the altar is prepared with the corporal and Roman Missal.
14. Move servers forward to assist with gifts after they are presented to the bishop.
15. Assist the servers as they present the incense (when used) to the bishop.
16. At "dialogue prayers", take bishop's zucchetto (skull cap) and place on his chair.

**Communion Rite**

17. Ready servers for recessional, incense (when used).

**Concluding Rite**

18. Recessional order – incense (when used), cross, candles, laity in sanctuary, clergy in sanctuary, deacon, bishop, mitre/crosier/book bearer, candidates and sponsors, emcees (unless one leads the recessional).