

DIOCESE OF BATON ROUGE

LITURGICAL INSTRUCTIONS for the SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

1. ORDER OF PROCESSIONS

A. Entrance Procession

Incense if used

Processional cross, flanked by two or four candles

(Other non-ordained persons: additional servers if any, lectors, and confirmation candidates if desired)

If desired, the Chrism (in a worthy container) may be carried in the entrance procession

If used, Gospel Book carried by deacon (or by lector if there is no deacon)

Other participating clergy, with local pastor just before bishop

Bishop (flanked by 2nd and 3rd deacons if present)

Miter and crosier bearers, if any

B. Gospel Procession

Incense

Candles

Gospel Book

C. Procession with the Gifts

Emcee and/or cross and/or

candles may lead the bread and

wine bearers forward

D. Recessional

Same as Entrance Procession except that the

Gospel Book does not process out (it is also not

necessary for newly-confirmed to process out)

2. INCENSATIONS

Incense is recommended but not required. If used at the entrance and recessional, the incense should already be in the thurible and smoking, but bishop will load incense into the thurible at other times. Incense is used to lead the Entrance Procession (carried by a server); when the ministers arrive in the sanctuary to incense the altar (by the bishop); in the Gospel Procession (carried by a server) and to incense the Book of the Gospels (by the deacon, or if there is no deacon by the priest who reads the Gospel); at the Preparation of the Gifts to incense in this order the gifts (by the bishop), and then the bishop, the concelebrating clergy and the congregation (by a deacon, if present, otherwise by a server); and finally it may lead the recessional (carried by a server). Before and after incensation, a profound bow is made to the person or object incensed, except when incensing the altar and the gifts. Usually the censer is swung back and forth in three sets of two swings for an incensation of persons.

EMCEE'S PROMPTER CARD

Entrance Rites

When bishop arrives at the foot of the sanctuary, take miter and crosier
The *Roman Missal* [*Sacramentary*] is needed for the Collect (opening prayer)

Liturgy of the Word

<i>During First and Second Readings</i>	Wears miter
<i>After Gospel Acclamation</i>	Take miter, give crosier
<i>During Gospel</i>	Holds crosier, does not wear miter
<i>End of Gospel</i>	Take crosier away
<i>Homily</i>	Does not wear miter or use crosier

Confirmation Ritual

(Deacon, if present, accompanies and assists bishop; best if a server holds the *Pontifical* [Confirmation Ritual Book], although the deacon can do this)

Renewal of Baptismal promises

Bishop puts on miter first, needs *Pontifical* [Confirmation Ritual Book]

Laying on of Hands

Bishop reads the prayer from *Pontifical* [Confirmation Ritual Book]; all concelebrating priests also extend hands toward the candidates

Before Anointing Begins

Bring crosier and Chrism to bishop (preferably use Chrism from parish stock; a deacon, if present, holds the Chrism during the anointing)

During the Anointing

Bishop wears mitre, holds crosier; no book needed during Anointing

First Washing of Hands

Water, soap and towel always brought to bishop; lemon not needed
(Take crosier before washing hands; bishop removes miter after washing hands)

General Intercessions

Bishop needs *Pontifical* [Confirmation Ritual Book]

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Bishop will wash hands *again* as usual during Preparation of the Gifts
Just before Prayer over the Gifts take bishop's skullcap, place it on his chair
During the distribution of Holy Communion, clear the altar

Concluding Rites

Bishop will wash his hands a *third* time immediately after distributing communion
Bishop needs *Roman Missal* [*Sacramentary*] for the Post-Communion Prayer
Announcements, invitations to reception, come *after* Post-Communion Prayer
Bishop wears miter and holds crosier for the Final Blessing