Various Liturgical Questions and Observations

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Abstract

This document is a collection of questions and observation which have arisen that do not have an appropriate location in any of my other notes. Some attempt may be made at a later date to organize everything according to topic, but right now we have to be satisfied with the mess that is this research paper, due to lack of time.

1 Does a bishop wear a surplice over his rochet when hearing confessions and distributing Communion?

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2 In which way is the crozier held for bishops without jurisdiction?

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3 Does a bishop have to remove his zuccheto when passing infront of the Blessed Sacrament?

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4 May a bishop give away his crozier when preaching?

The reason for giving the crozier away would be to unencumber the bishop from the awkward movements that sometimes arise from having his left hand occupied with the crozier and trying to manage sermon notes with his gloved right hand.

I am inclined to say that the answer is No, because it seems inappropriate that the bishop should preach to his flock lacking the symbol of jurisdiction.

However, in the case of one who does not possess the jurisdiction, having been given faculties to preach by the Ordinary, he would not necessarily have the right to use a crozier. This being similar to our situation, I am inclined to say that ordinarily, for Ordinaries, preaching without the crizier would be at least inappropriate, but for non-Ordinaries, it is a situation that could really occur.