

# Pontifical Mass at the Faldstool

Without the Assisting Priest

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## VESTING IN THE SACTISTY

1. The ceremony start about 25 minutes before the scheduled time. Deacon and subdeacon vest while B reads the vesting prayers, book and candle bearers assisting, MC2 standing by. After the bishop is finished reading the book and candle bearers depart. B removes cross and manteletta, and sits with biretta for his handwashing, MC2 assisting.
2. B stands after the handwashing and D and SD assist B with vesting. B sits after donning his dalmatic. D imposes the miter and D and SD get maniples.
3. Incense is imposed by B, D attending. B recives his crosier, all stand and MC1 signals for the procession to start.

## CONFESSION, INTROIT, GLORIA

4. D and SD to the left of B, MC1 to his right<sup>1</sup>, MC2 to the right of SD.
5. All bow to the choir, D removes miter, SD hands book of Gospels to MC2, and Mass begins.
6. SD imposes maniple at *Indulgentiam*.
7. After kissing the altar, B turns to his left and kisses the book of Gospels, held by SD, the text pointed out by MC1. MC2 takes the book from SD and goes to the Epistle side to prepare book- and candle-bearers.
8. B incenses the altar assisted by D and SD. SD<sup>2</sup> imposes miter and D incenses B with three swings.
9. B receives crozier, turns to bow to the cross, and then goes *per breviorum* to the faldstool, flanked by D and SD.
10. B sits for a few moments, then crozier away, D removes miter, B turns to the left to face the altar and reads the introit. Candle-bearer stands to the right of the book bearer. D stands to the right of B, SD to his left<sup>3</sup>.
11. B recites *Kyrie* with the ministers, turns to the right to face the people, sits and receives miter and gremiale from D. D and SD bow to B and sit.
12. Minsters rise after the last *Kyrie*<sup>4</sup>, gremiale and miter removed by D; D and SD stand *unum post alium*. B intones the *Gloria*; D and SD flank B for the recitation. B and ministers sit for the remainder of the sung *Glória*.
13. At the end of the *Glória* B and ministers rise, D and SD stand *unum post alium* and B sings *Dóminum vobíscum*. B sings the orations. SD receives the Book of Epistles from MC2 after the last *Per Dóminum*, and stands with MC2 some distance from B.

## EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

14. B and D sit. SD bows to B and sings the Epistle; afterwards he repeats the reverence, goes the middle and genuflects, and kneels to receive the bishop's blessing.

<sup>1</sup>MC1 is taking the place of AP.

<sup>2</sup>S.R.C. n. 2138

<sup>3</sup>See note 5, p. 241, Rt. Rev. Aurelius Stehle. *Manual of Episcopal Ceremonies*. 4th ed. Latrobe, Pa.: The Archabbey Press, 1948.

<sup>4</sup>Ibid., 227, p. 241.

15. While SD is making his reverences after the Epistle, MC2 sends the book and candle bearers to the faldstool. After SD receives the blessing from B, he hands the book of Epistles to MC2, and receives the Missal from book bearer and kneels before B (candle bearer to his right) and B reads the Epistle, Gradual, Tract, etc. B recites the *Munda cor* and reads the Gospel.
16. When B starts reading the Gospel, MC2 brings the book of Gospels to D.

#### REFERENCES

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