

# Mass at the Faldstool

## General remarks for Sacred Ministers:

These remarks are to point out the differences of duties with the Mass at the Throne.

The **Bishop** normally does not normally use the crozier, unless he confers Holy Orders.

### The Deacon

- ! is the minister of the *miter*. He puts it on and removes it. If he is unable to do it, the MC does it instead.
- ! He is also the minister of the *incense*. He presents the thurible to the bishop at the imposition of the incense.
- ! At times (like offertory), when the B washes his hands or loses his gloves the D removes the B's rings (the AP puts it back).
- ! At the offertory the D acts as he usually does at the Solemn Mass (but he pours the ablutions).

### The Sub-Deacon

- ! is the minister of the *gremial*. He puts it on and removes it. If he is unable to do it, the MC does it instead.
- ! The SD presents to the B the *Evangeliar* to be kissed, at the beginning of Mass, after the prayers at the foot.
- ! After he has sung the Epistle and received his blessing, he holds the missal to the B for him to read the Gradual, Alleluia (except if there are ordination to the diaconate).
- ! At the Offertory, after the B has washed his hands, having done due reverence, the SD goes straight to the credence table where he collects the chalice that he brings to the altar.
- ! He, then, wipes the chalice, pours the water, but does not pour the ablutions unlike at the Solemn Mass.

### The Assistant Priest

- ! *never* holds the missal for the bishop when the latter sings. His main duty is to assist the B at the missal usually standing at his ride side, when the B at the faldstool.
- ! Likewise, he *never* ministers the thurible nor the incense. Neither does he present the thurible to the bishop for the imposition of incense or does he incense the B.
- ! At the beginning of Mass, after the prayers at the foot of the altar, the AP goes straight to the right of the faldstool where he waits during the incensation.
- ! Each time the B washes his hands the AP presents him the towel and places the ring back on his finger.

### Positions, reverences:

D, SD, & AP reverence the altar with a genuflection.

D, SD, & AP reverence the B by a deep bow.

D, SD, & AP, when they give reverence to the B sitting at the faldstool present themselves in this order (left to right): SD, D, AP.

D and SD<sup>1</sup> stand in a *straight column* behind the bishop at the faldstool, at:

- ! *Dominus Vobicum*
- ! Collect, Postcommunio
- ! Incipit of *Gloria & Credo*

D and SD stand *on each side* of the B (slightly behind him) when he reads :

- ! Introit & *Kyrie*
- ! *Gloria & Credo* after the intonation (like at Solemn Mass)
- ! Offertory

The AP is the only one to receive the **PAX** directly from the B. D and SD receive it from the AP. In case ordinations occur, the new ordained D, SD and P also receive the Pax from the B, but after the AP.

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<sup>1</sup> while the AP stands on the B's right side