



ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI

Liturgical Celebrations of the Archbishop

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General Norms for Liturgies at which the Archbishop Presides

The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of the Second Vatican Council states, "All should hold in great esteem the liturgical life of the diocese centered around the bishop, especially in his cathedral church; they must be convinced that the preeminent manifestation of the Church is present in the full, active participation of all God's holy people in these liturgical celebrations, especially in the same Eucharist, in a single prayer, at one altar at which the Bishop presides, surrounded by his college of presbyters and his ministers" (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, n. 41). To this end every liturgy celebrated by the Archbishop throughout the diocese is of particular value for the life of the faithful and, because of this importance, should be planned and executed with care.

Please note that the norms established in the approved liturgical documents (e.g. *The Ceremonial of Bishops*, *The General Instruction of the Roman Missal* (GIRM), and the various volumes of *The Roman Pontifical*) are to be carefully followed. Priests are encouraged to concelebrate with the Archbishop, and the Master of Ceremonies (MC) will assign concelebrant parts of the Eucharistic Prayer before the Mass. The service of a deacon at the Mass is helpful, if available. It is not necessary to invite additional priests to serve as chaplain to the Archbishop, if no deacon will be present. If more than one deacon will assist with the Mass, they should have their respective roles identified prior to the arrival of the Archbishop and his MC. Lectors and the deacon (or priest) reading the Gospel should be familiar with the texts.

Normally there should be at least five altar servers assigned to assist at a Mass (cross bearer, two acolytes, miter bearer and crozier bearer). If incense will be used, there should be six. Please discuss any changes to this with the MC during the planning process.

The Archbishop normally brings his own vestments. If this is not the case, the MC will inform you ahead of time. In accordance with GIRM n. 328 and the instruction *Redemptionis Sacramentum* n. 117 glass or earthenware vessels are not to be used for the celebration of the holy Eucharist.

The proper time for a pastor to offer any comments or announcements is after the Prayer After Communion. Please coordinate these or any other additions to the liturgy with the Master of Ceremonies.

Please make a copy of the worship aid and/or hymnal available for the Archbishop. Be sure to follow the proper procedures regarding licensing and the reproduction of copyrighted musical scores. It is helpful to have the text of the Archdiocesan Prayer for Vocations in the worship aid.

If you have any questions as you complete the Liturgical Planning Sheet, please contact the MC.

RADIATE CHRIST