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# The Celebration of Confirmation

## Bishop Cooke

### St. Matthew Parish, Mayfair

Thursday, April 11, 2024 at 4:00 pm (3:20 report time)

# Ceremonial Notes

## Part 1: Report and Vest; get Briefed and get Moved to the rectory

--Report to the Sacristy and vest at **3:20 SHARP**. Put on the **RED capey things!**

--**Acolyte1** and **Acolyte2** report to Lower Church. Your candles are THERE waiting for you.

--Wait QUIETLY in the **Cry Room**. The **Master of Ceremonies (MC)** will come and brief you here.

**Incense**, do you know the FOUR (4) times we use incense? (In, Gospel, Prep/Gifts, Out)

**Book**, do you know the FOUR (4) times you hold the book? (Begin, Rite/Conf, Intercess, Close)

--After the **MC** has briefed you, I (Fr. McCabe) will lead us to over to the **rectory**.

**Incense** brings the thurible and the boat (incense). I will light it outside the rectory.

**Cross** brings the cross. NOTE: from the Procession IN until the Procession OUT, the Cross will be **in its stand in the sacristy**.

**Acolyte1** and **Acolyte2** bring the processional candles.

--The **Master of Ceremonies** will provide some of the things to be carried in procession:

A **ritual book** for **Book**. Sacred Chrism for the **Chrism Bearer**.

The **Miter** and **Crozier Bearers** wear a special **white capey thing** (over your **red capey things**).

## Lining up in the Rectory Hallway

**Book Bearer**

**Miter** and **Crozier Bearers**

Deacon Chaplains

Bishop

Concelebrants

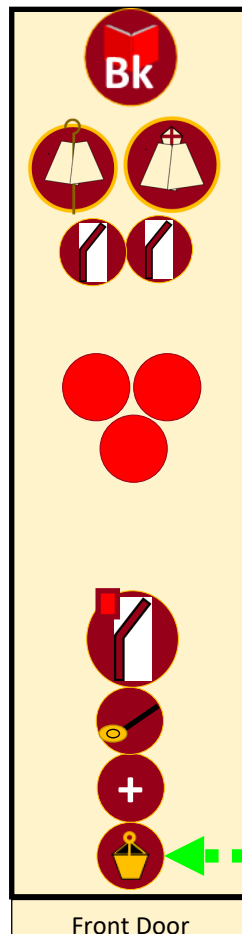
**Deacon** w/Bk of Gospels

**Sacred Chrism Bearer**

**Acolyte1** and **Acolyte2**

**Cross**

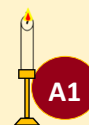
**Incense**



--**Incense** starts at the end of the line.

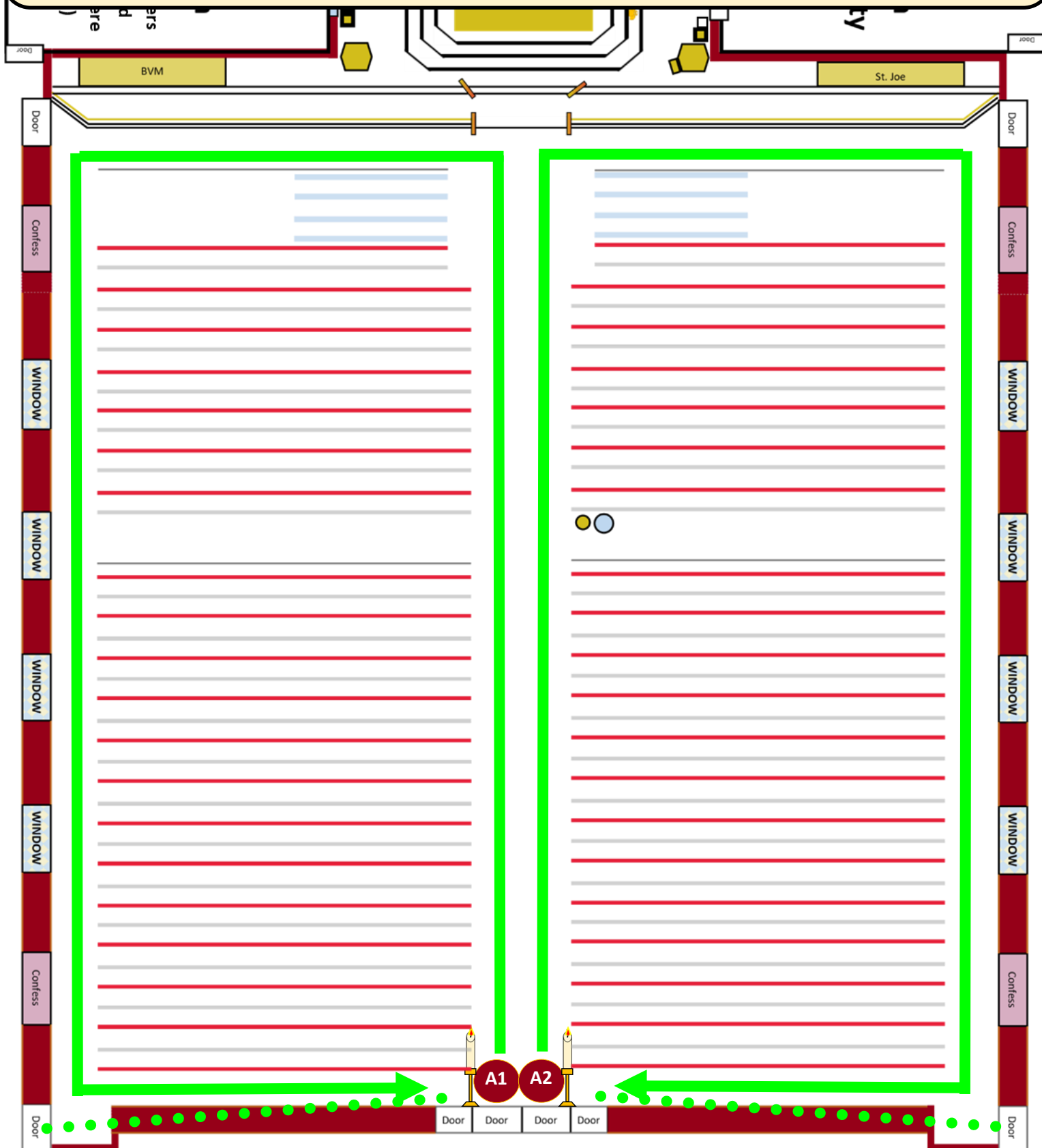
--The Bishop will put incense in the thurible.

--The **Incense** will then move up to the head of the line, at the rectory front door.



**@LOWER CHURCH**

**A1 & A2** lead the Confirmandi from LC.  
A teacher cues **A1 & A2** when to lead them into church.



## Part 2: the Liturgical Procession IN

**Incense**

**Acolyte1, Cross, Acolyte2** walk side by side by side.

**Sacred Chrism Bearer**

**Deacon** w/Bk of Gospels

Concelebrants

**Bishop Cooke**

Deacon Chaplains

**Miter** and **Crozier Bearers**

**Book Bearer**

--If your hands are EMPTY, **genuflect quickly** and go stand at your chair.

--If you are carrying something, give the Lord a **little head bow** WITHOUT STOPPING.

--Concelebrants split left and right to venerate the altar.

--**Incense** stands in front of the St. Joseph side angel.

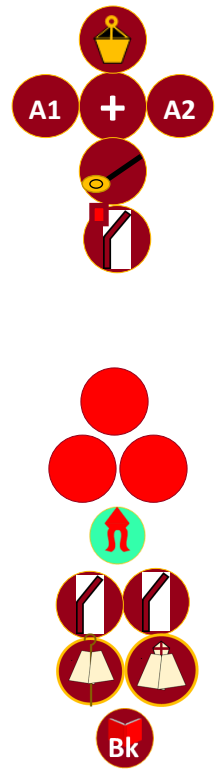
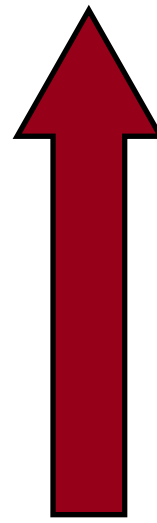
--**Acolyte1** and **Acolyte2** leave the processional candles lit on the floor by the table.






--**Miter** and **Crozier Bearers** stop in front of the altar.

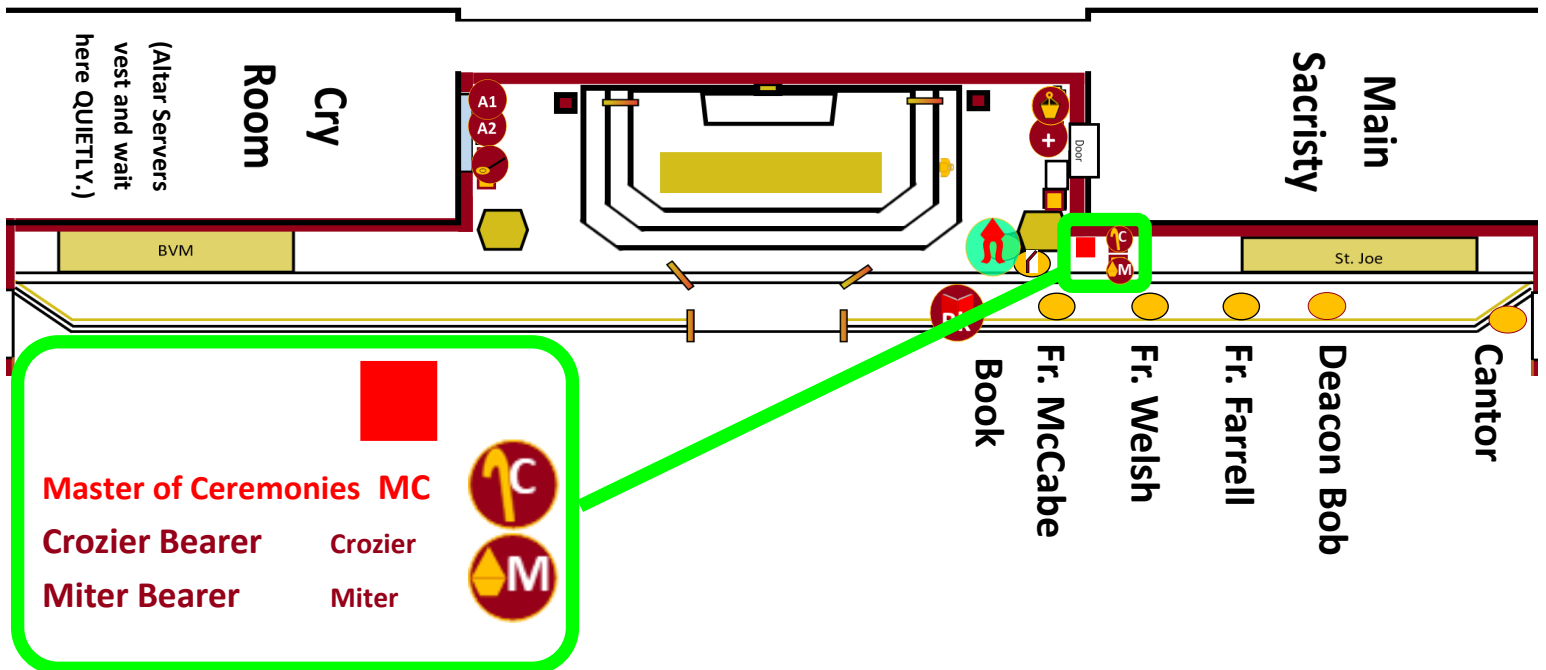
When you have the miter and crozier, **go stand at your seats.**

--After the Bishop has incensed the altar, **Incense** takes the incense to the sacristy.

--**MC** cues **Book** to go to the Presider's Chair.



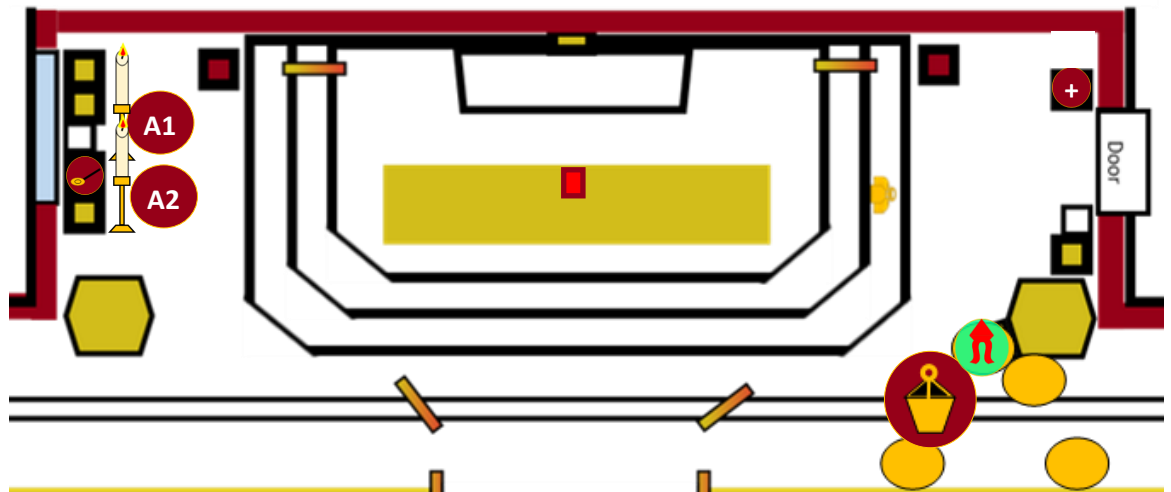
 <b>A1</b>	<b>Acolyte1</b>	A1	<b>Sanctuary Seating</b>	<b>Incense</b>	Incense		
 <b>A2</b>	<b>Acolyte2</b>	A2		<b>Confirmation</b>	<b>Cross</b>	Cross	
	<b>Chrism Bearer</b>	Chrism		<b>April 11, 2024</b>			



### Part 3: the Liturgy of the Word **WITH INCENSE AND CANDLES AT THE GOSPEL:**

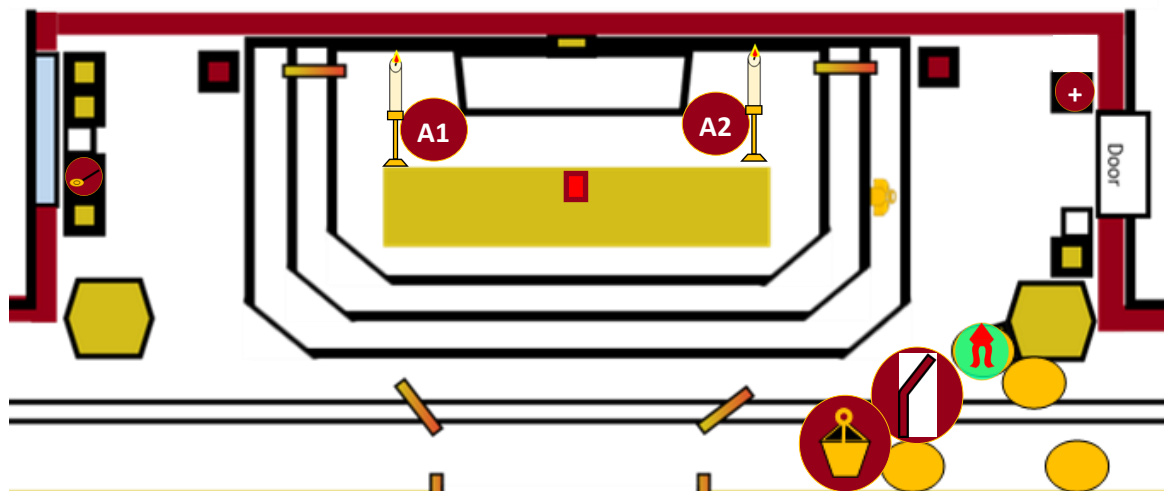
- Everyone, INCLUDING **Miter** and **Crozier**, sits at the usual times during the Liturgy of the Word.
- At the **Responsorial Psalm**, **Incense** goes to the sacristy to get ready with Incense.
- After the **2nd Reading** (whether the Gospel Acclamation has started or not), **Incense** brings the incense to the Presider, who imposes incense.
- Incense** then steps back to let the Deacon get the blessing from the Presider.

After the  
2nd Reading



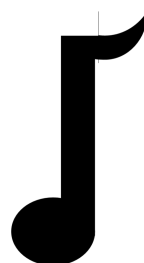
About now, the  
GOSPEL ACCL.

starts  
and  
A1 and A2  
go to the altar



The Gospel Acclamation is sung and A1 and A2 go.

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GO!

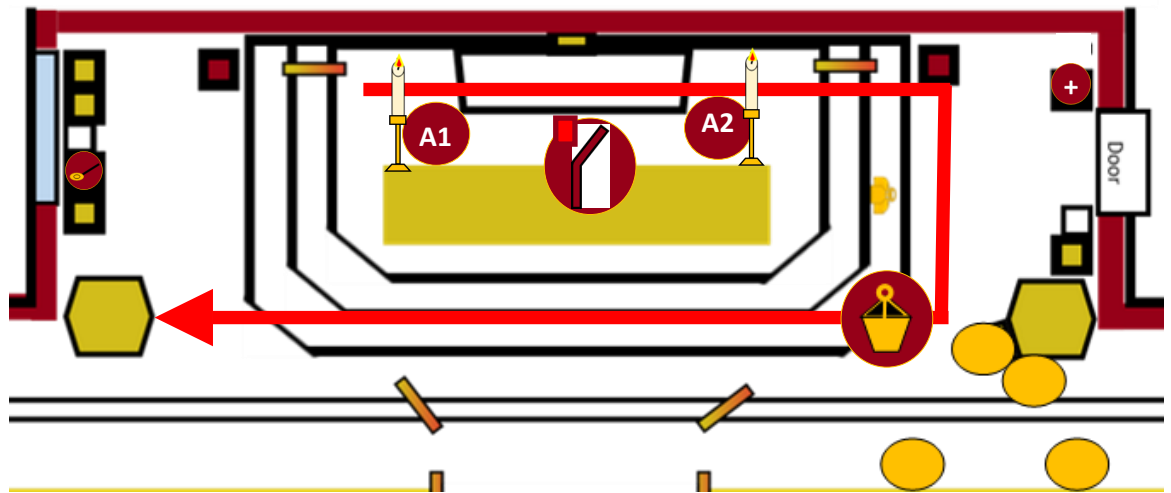


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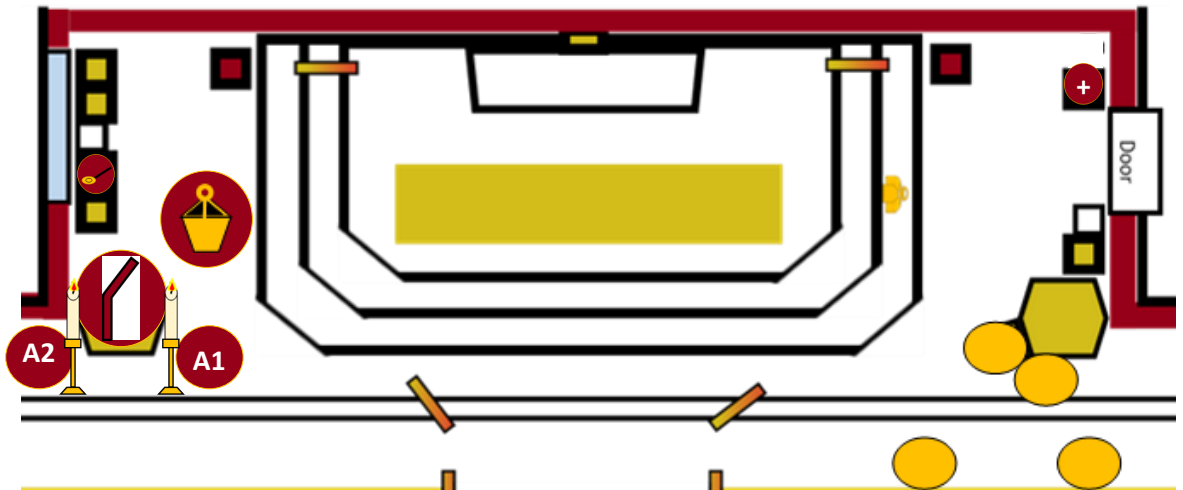
—**Incense** leads the Deacon with the Book of the Gospels to the ambo.

**DON'T STOP AND BOW TO THE ALTAR!**

**Procession  
at the Gospel  
STARTS like this...**



**Procession  
at the Gospel  
ENDS like this...**



--The Deacon uses the incense.

--**After the Gospel** has been proclaimed:

The Deacon brings the Book of the Gospels to the Presider.

**Incense** brings the incense to the sacristy. **This time, DO stop and bow to the altar.**

After putting the incense in the sacristy, **Incense** sits down.

**Acolyte1** and **Acolyte2** return their candles to the side table and sit down.

--The Candidates remain standing after the Gospel.

--Fr. Welsh **presents the Candidates** to the Presider.

--The Presider preaches the **homily**.

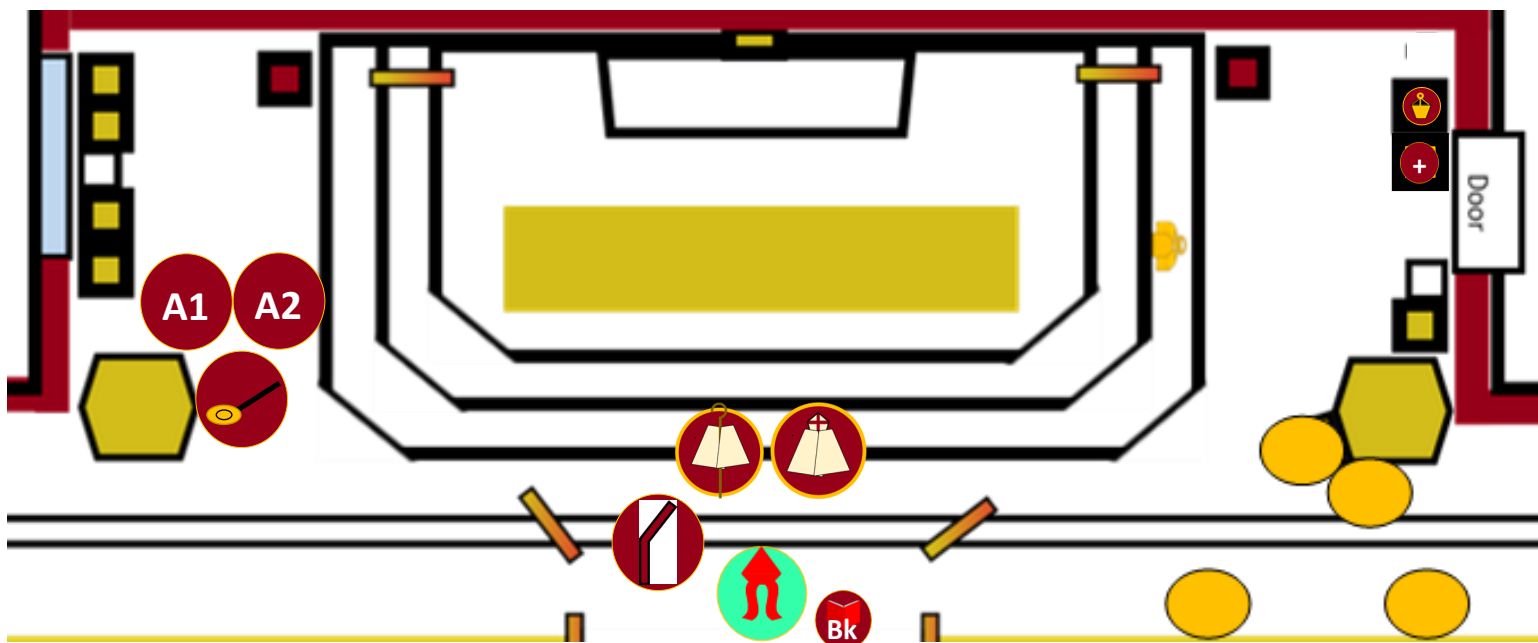
## Part 4: the Rite of Confirmation

- Chrism Bearer** unscrews the lid of the **Chrism** and puts the lid on the side table.
- Be ready to move when the **MC** signals: **Chrism Bearer**, **Book**, **Miter** and **Crozier Bearers**.

**Bishop's MC** will signal the **Anointing team** when it's time to come to the center.

### Follow the **MC's** directions. Stand wherever he places you.

- Once the Bishop has the Chrism, **Chrism Bearer** teams up with **Acolyte1** and **Acolyte2**.
- MC** directs **Miter** and **Crozier Bearers**.
- MC** directs **Book** for the renewal of baptismal promises, the laying on of hands, the prayer and the **Anointing**.
- Deacon** takes the name cards from the **Bishop or MC**.  
(After the Confirmations, put the paper name cards on the side table.)
- Acolyte1** takes the plastic wrap off the **lemon**.



- When the Confirmations are done and the Bishop turns back to wash his hands:
  - Chrism Bearer** takes the Chrism from the **MC**, puts the lid on at the side table and goes to his seat.
  - Acolyte1** brings **lemon** and **Acolyte2** brings **water** and a **hand towel** (*1st Hand Washing*).
- When the Archbishop gets to his chair, **MC** cues **Book** with the **MC's special folder** for the **Intercessions**. (We do not say the **NICENE CREED**.)  
The Bishop starts the Intercessions and the **Deacon** reads them at the ambo.

## Part 5: the Liturgy of the Eucharist

- During the **Intercessions**, **Incense** goes to the sacristy and gets ready with the incense.
- When the Deacon begins to set up the altar,
  - Cross** brings the Book and bookstand to the altar, as usual.
  - Acolyte1** or **Acolyte2** brings the chalice to the altar, as usual.
- When the Archbishop moves to receive the **FOUR (4) Gifts**,
  - Acolyte1** and **Acolyte2** go with him to help him. Ciboria (bread) go to the altar.
- Acolyte1** and **Acolyte2** serve as usual: **water and wine**, then step back, get ready to **wash hands** and **WAIT**.
- At the same time that “**water and wine**” is happening,
  - Incense** comes out of the sacristy and stands in front of the St. Joseph side angel.
- The Bishop incenses the gifts and the altar.
- The Bishop or the Deacon returns the incense to **Incense**.
- Incense** returns the incense to the sacristy.
- Acolyte1** and **Acolyte2** bring pitcher/bowl and hand towel to **wash hands** (*2nd Hand Washing*).
- Cross** rings the bells (One-Three-Three) as usual.
- During the **Communion Rite**,
  - Incense** goes to the sacristy and gets ready with the incense,
  - Acolyte1** and **Acolyte2** get ready to wash the Bishop’s hands (*3rd Hand Washing*).
  - When the Bishop finishes distributing Holy Communion, he washes his hands.
- While the Eucharist is being consolidated (put into fewer ciboria on the altar),
  - Acolyte1** or **Acolyte2** should be **READY** with the water (for purifying the chalice), and help the Deacon to clear the altar as usual.
- MC** cues **Book** to go to the Presider’s Chair for the **Prayer after Communion**.
  - When the Bishop finishes the prayer, **EVERYONE SITS DOWN AGAIN**.
  - A **student** reads a “thank you” speech. Another **student** presents a spiritual bouquet.
  - Fr. Welsh speaks.
- MC** cues **Book** with the **ritual book**. We stand for the **Blessing and Dismissal**.

## Part 6: the Procession out

--Most servers will **carry out** whatever they carried in: incense, cross, candles, Chrism, book...

**Miter Bearer** and **Crozier Bearer** also carry out what they carried in: **NOTHING**.

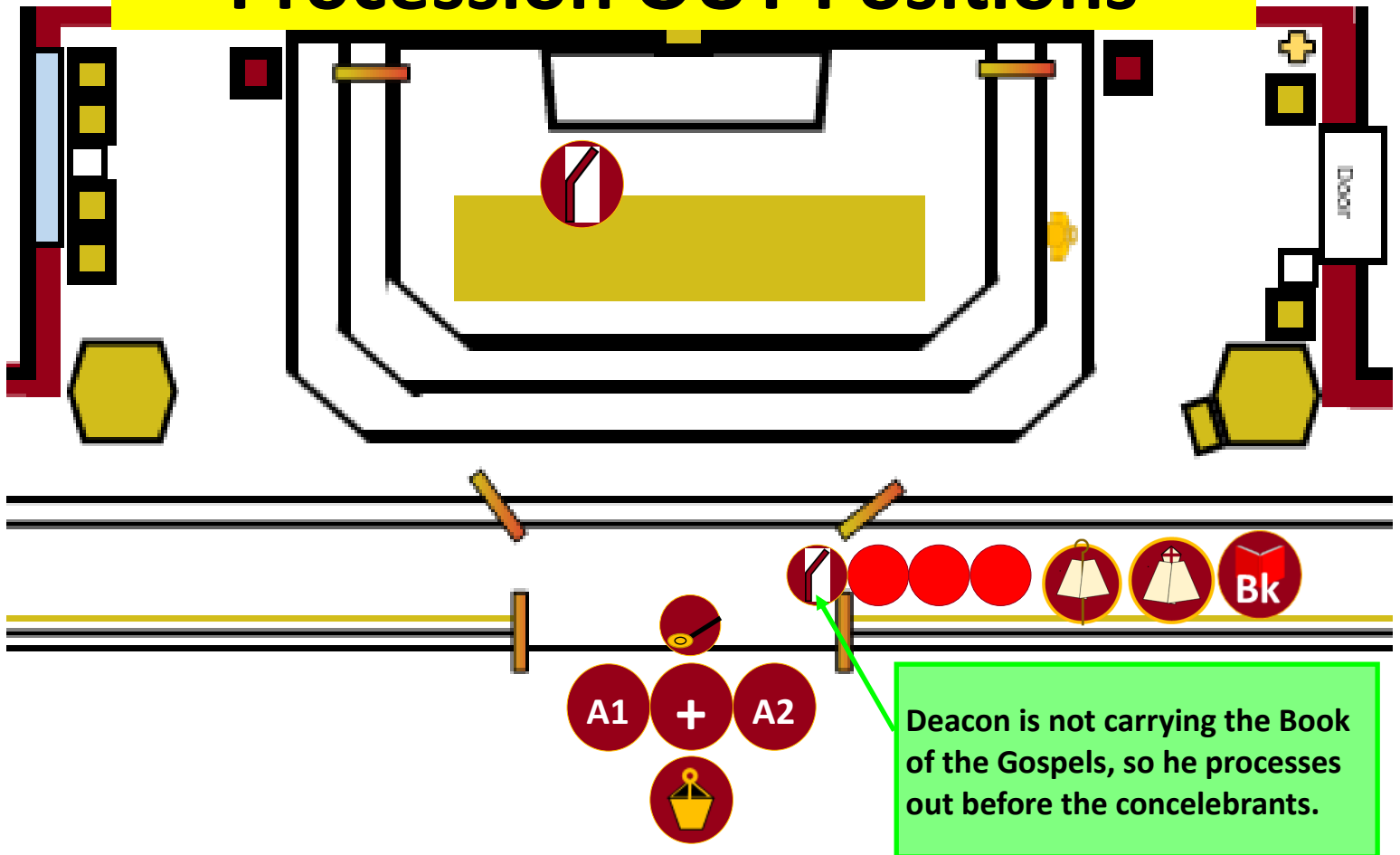
--We go to our **PROCESSION OUT positions** when the Bishop goes up to kiss the altar.

**Incense, Acolyte1, Cross, Acolyte2** use the **DIAMONDS** on the **FLOOR**.

**Sacred Chrism Bearer**

**Miter Bearer** and **Crozier Bearer**, then lastly **Book**.

# Procession OUT Positions



--When the Bishop genuflects, we all genuflect (if our hands are empty) or do a little head bow.

**Incense, Acolyte1/Cross/Acolyte2**

**Chrism Bearer, Deacon, Concelebrants, Archbishop, Deacon Chaplains,**

**Miter** and **Crozier Bearer**, then lastly **Book** (holding nothing) process out.

--The Confirmati follow behind us.

--The Confirmati and the Archbishop **pose on the FRONT STEPS** for a group photo.

**Come back after Mass to help clean up!**

**Thank You for Serving !**