



### Part 1: Report and Be Vested at **10:15 am, 15 minutes** before Mass.

- Yes, **10:15**. At 10:15, you may still ask a **question**. After that is too late for questions.
- There are two jobs at a Funeral Mass: **Cross** and **Holy Water/Incense** (HWI).

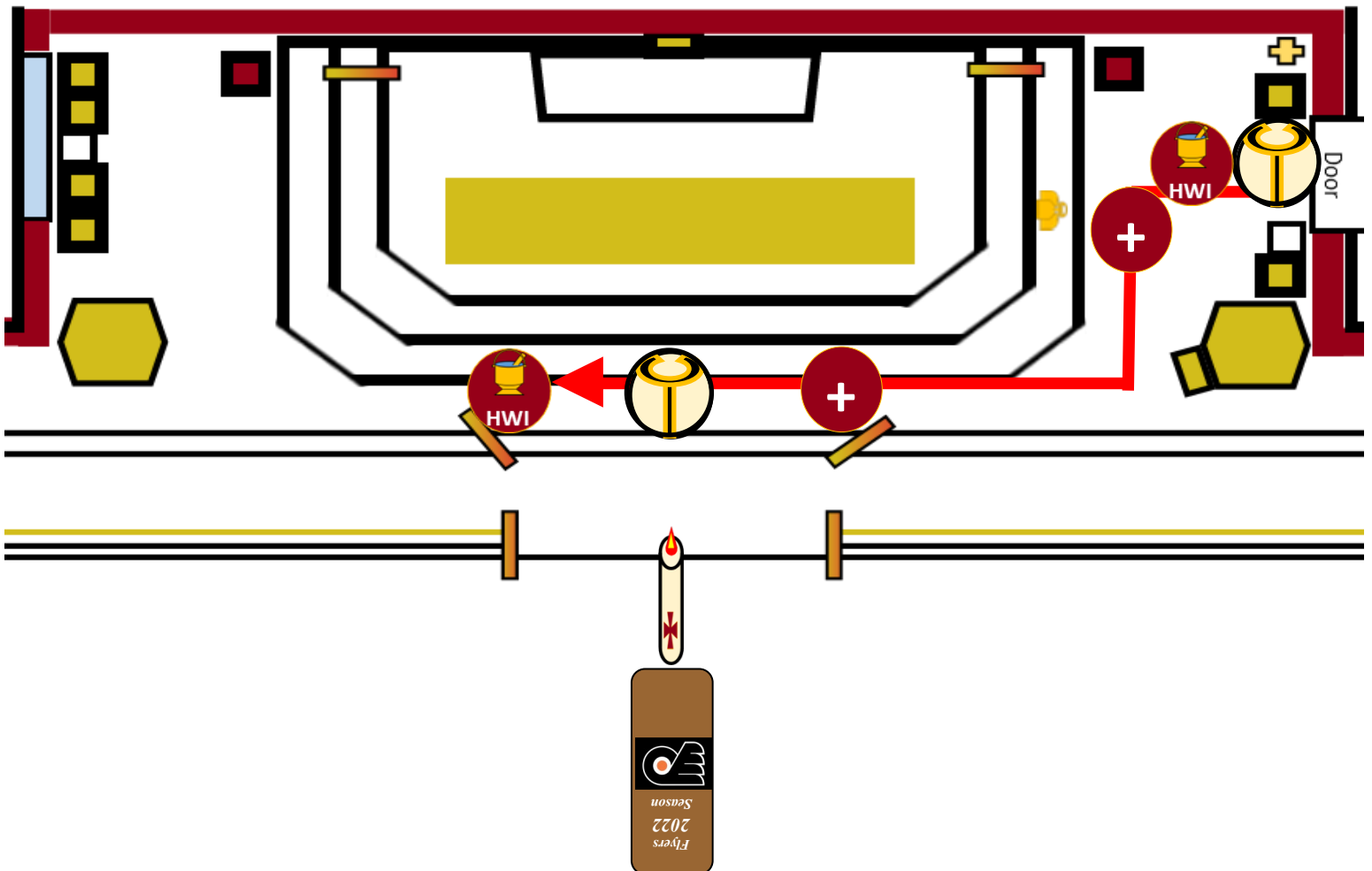
### Part 2: The Procession IN

--To let the people know we're starting, a server rings the sacristy door bell.

--**Cross** and **Holy Water** (HWI) lead the procession in from the sacristy.  
**Cross stops and lets Holy Water** (HWI) **and the priest get by.**

--Go to the front of the altar.

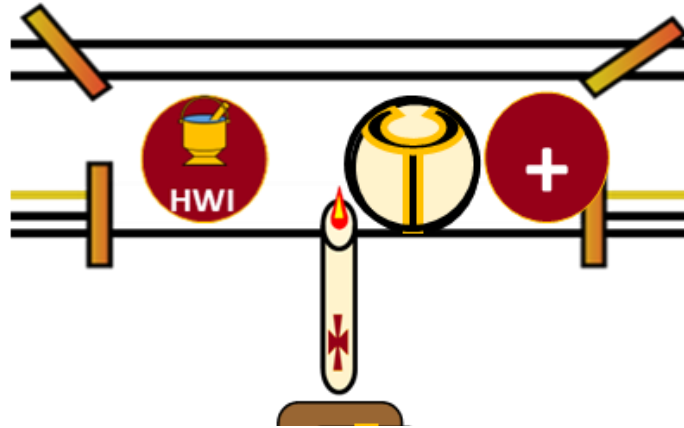
--The Celebrant will come to the center and genuflect to the altar.



## Part 2: The Procession IN (*continued*)

--Turn and go with the Celebrant when he goes to the casket.

--It's **VERY IMPORTANT** that you be in your **CORRECT PLACES** at the casket.



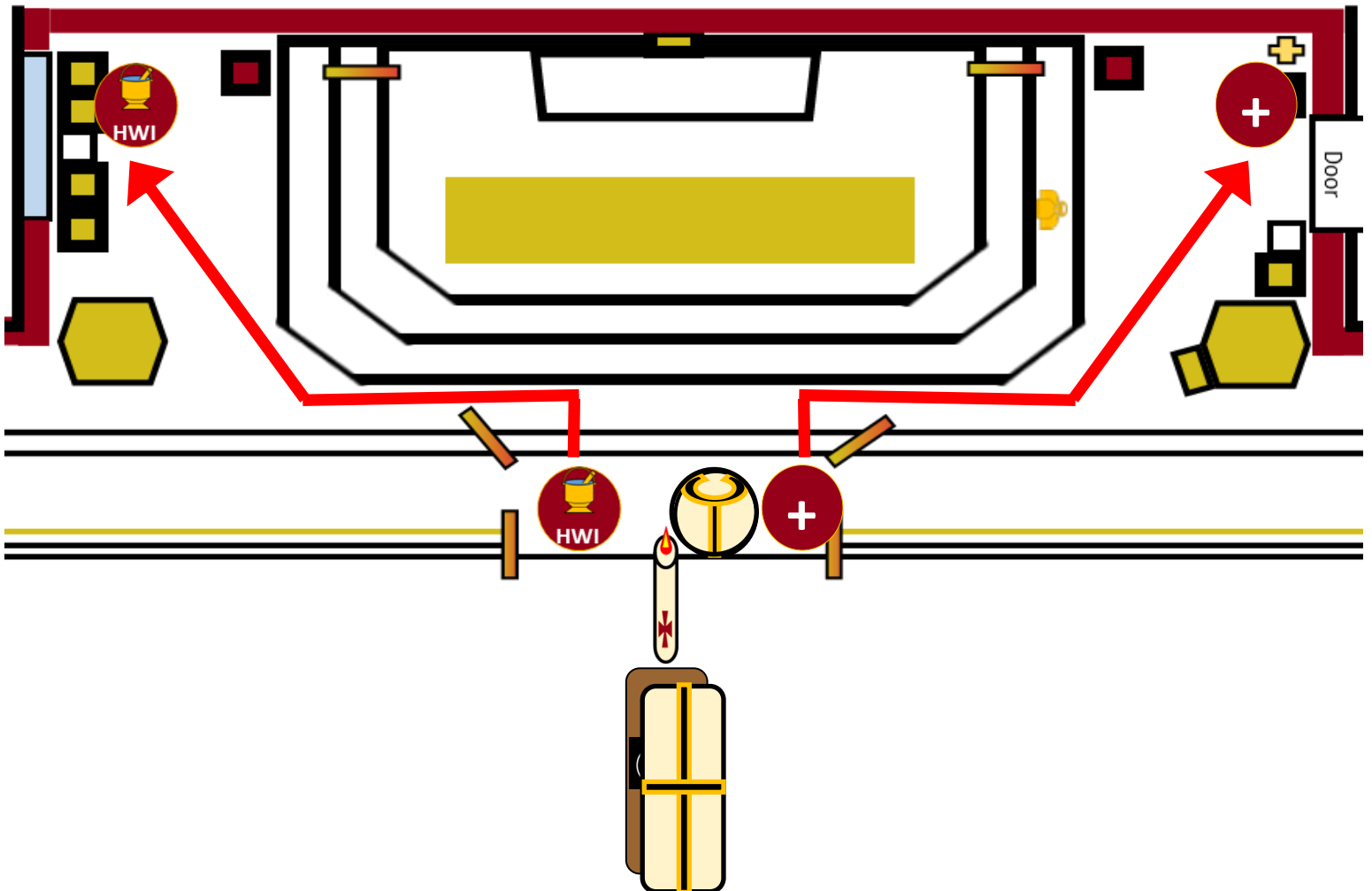
--The Celebrant begins the prayers and uses the **Holy Water**.

(The funeral director helps the family to place the Pall on the casket.)

--Turn to face the altar with the Celebrant. Then go to your seats in the usual way.

The Cross goes to the **stand** on the St. Joe side.

The Holy Water goes on the **table** on the BVM side.



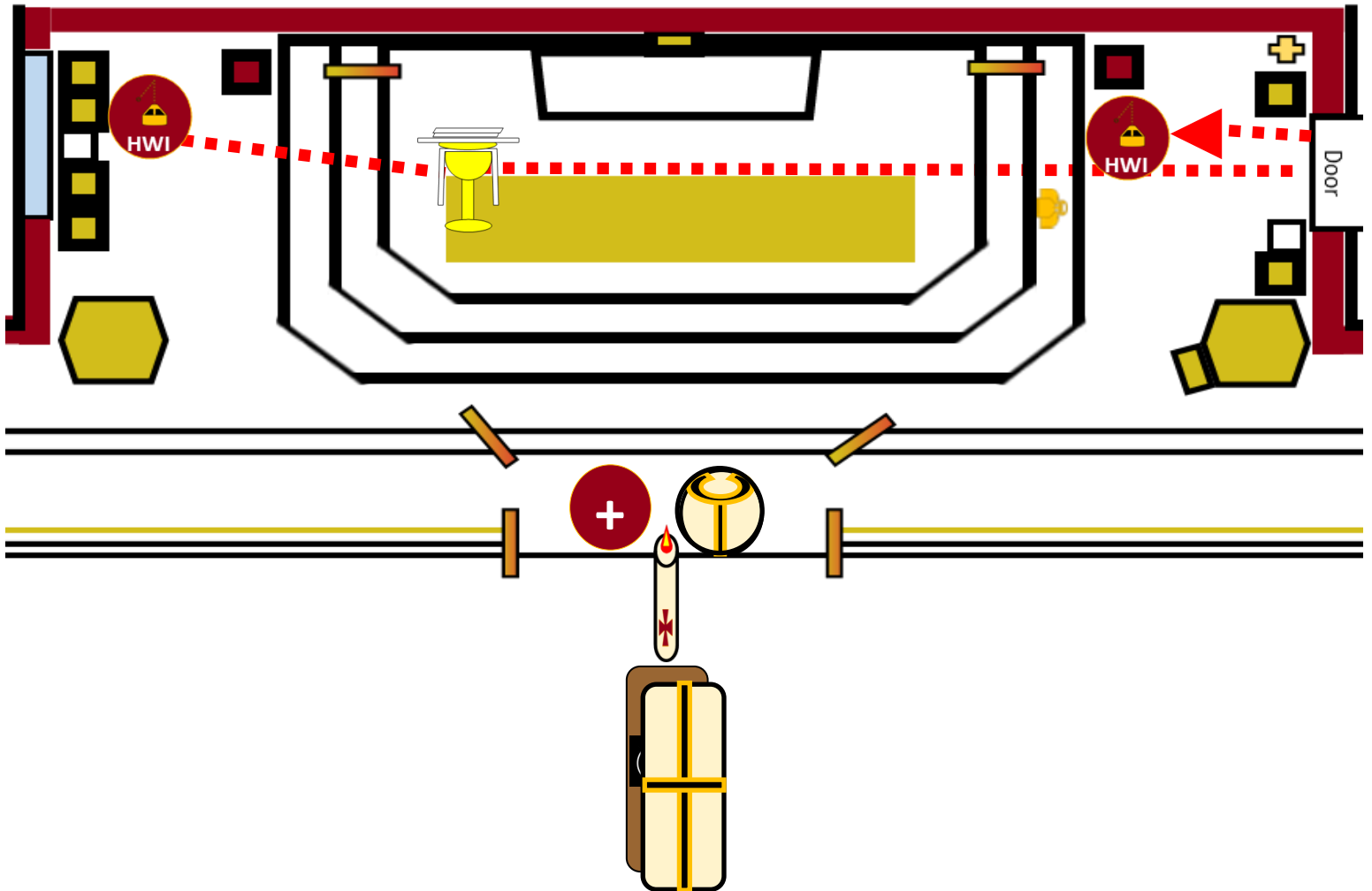
### Part 3: From the Liturgy of the Word to the Preparation of the Gifts

--Sit and stand for the Liturgy of the Word, as usual.

--As soon as the General Intercessions are finished,

**Incense** (HWI) places the **chalice** on the corner of the altar.

**Incense** (HWI) then goes **DIRECTLY** to the sacristy to get ready with the incense.



--**Cross** places the **Book** on the altar (and the **bookstand**, for Fr. Welsh).

--When the Celebrant goes to receive the gifts, **Cross** goes with him to help.

--**Cross** puts any bread (ciborium or paten) on the altar.

--**Cross** then brings the **water** and **wine** to the priest. **Handles OUT**, toward the priest.

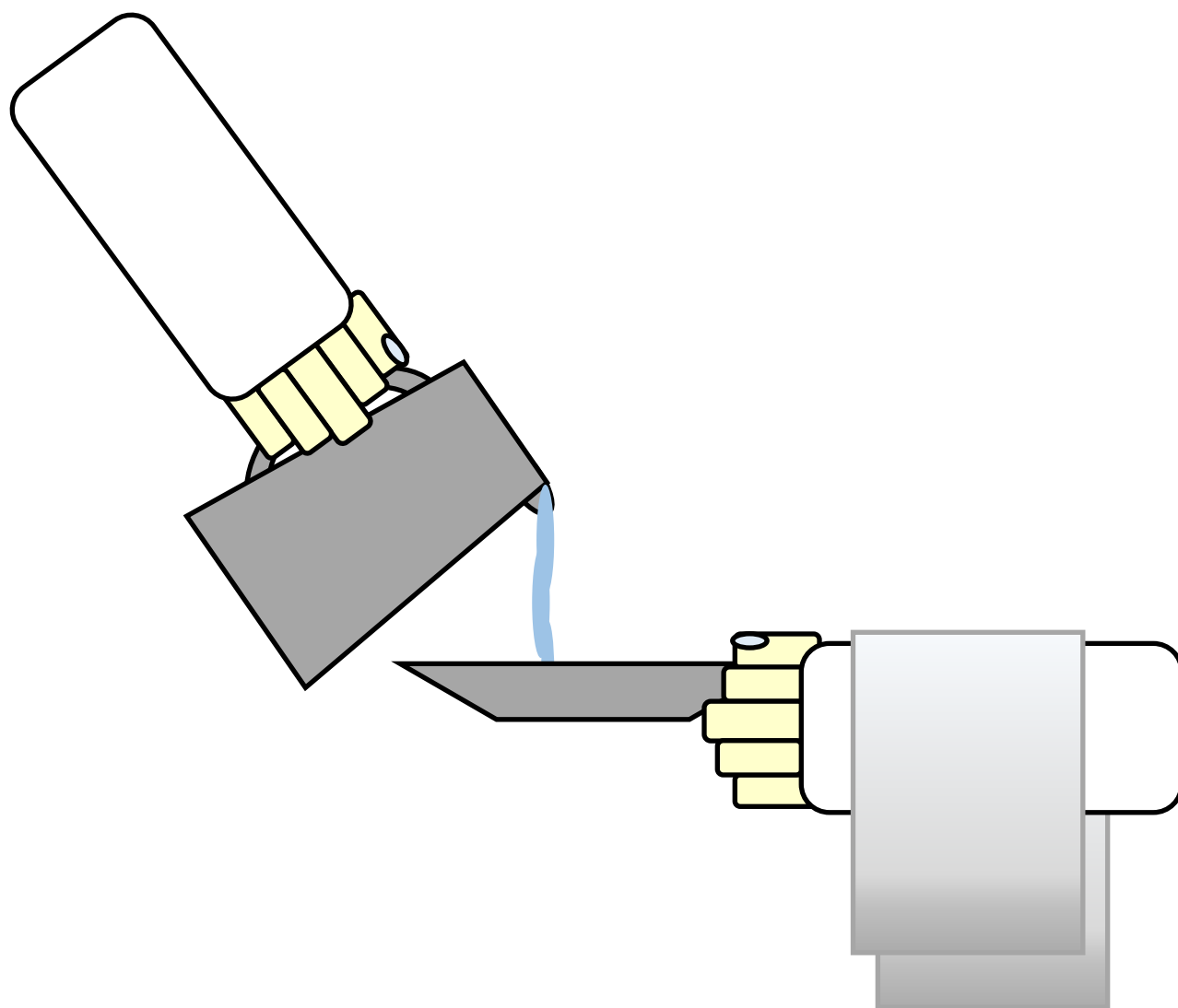
--The priest uses the **incense**.

**Incense** (HWI) then returns the incense to the sacristy and stays at the Bells.

### Part 3: From the **Liturgy of the Word** to the **Preparation of the Gifts** (*continued*)

--After using the incense, the priest will **wash his hands**.

**Cross** holds the **bowl** in the left hand,  
the **pitcher** in the right hand,  
and the **hand towel** draped over the left forearm.



## Part 4: The Liturgy of the Eucharist

--**Incense** (HWI) rings the bells (One-Three-Three).

--**During** Holy Communion,

**Cross** is thinking, "I'll be ready with the **water** when the priest needs it."

**Incense** (HWI) removes the **book** (and **bookstand**) from the altar.

**Incense** (HWI) then goes to the sacristy to get ready with the incense.

--**After** Holy Communion, the priest puts the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle.

--**Cross** provides the **water** when the priest purifies the chalice.

--**Cross** helps to clear the altar.

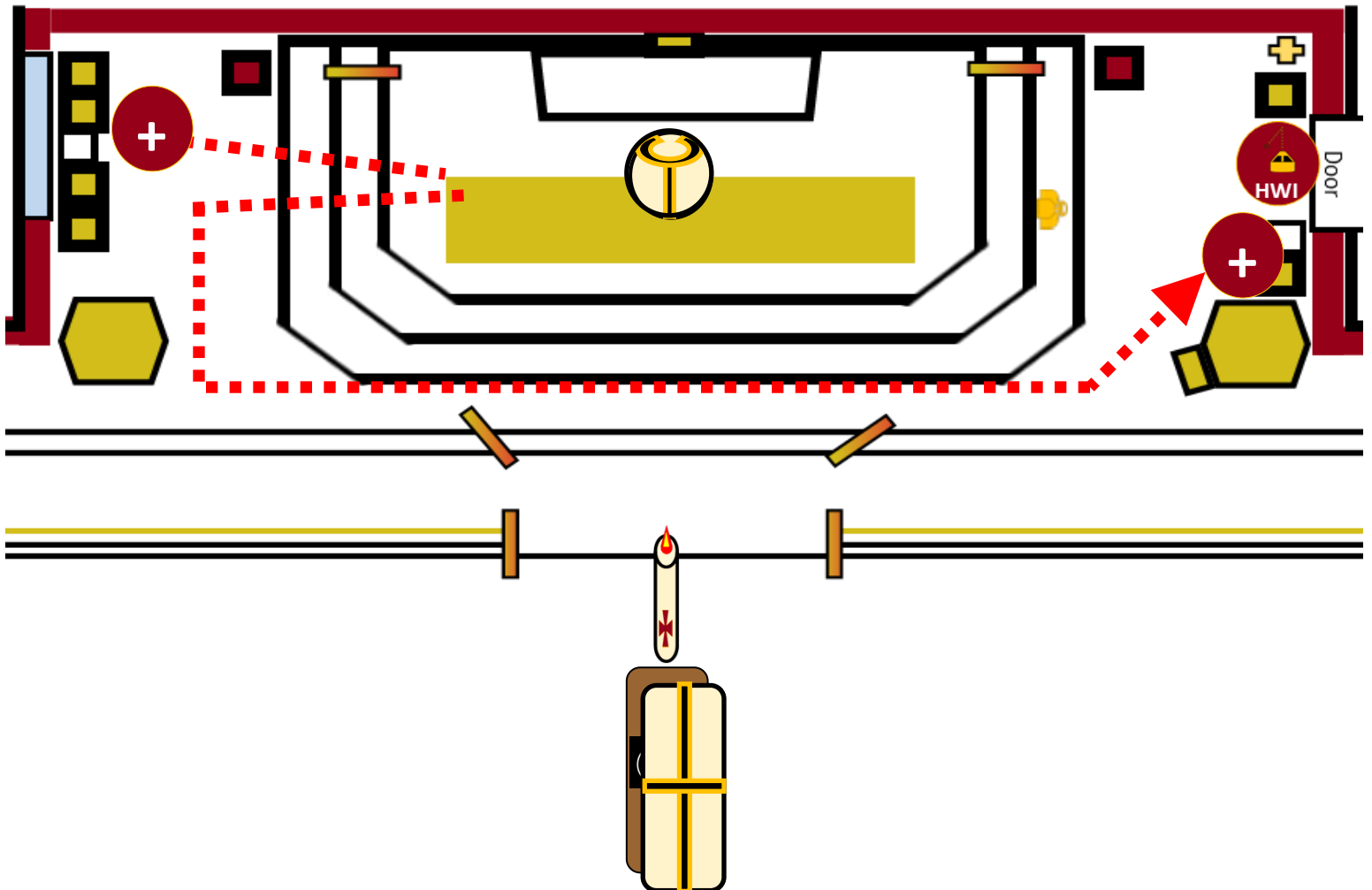
**As always, give the chalice a slow, careful, solo ride.**

**One hand flat on top, the other hand gripping the stem.**

--When the altar is cleared, **Cross** goes around the altar, stopping and bowing at the middle, to sit on the St. Joe side.

--**Incense** (HWI) is standing in the sacristy doorway, slightly swinging the incense.

**NOTE: Cross** and **Incense** (HWI) are now **both** on the St. Joe side.



## Part 5: Final Commendation

--The priest prays the Prayer After Communion ("Let us pray...").

--When the priest goes to the casket,

**Incense** (HWI) goes with him and stands at the priest's **RIGHT** side.

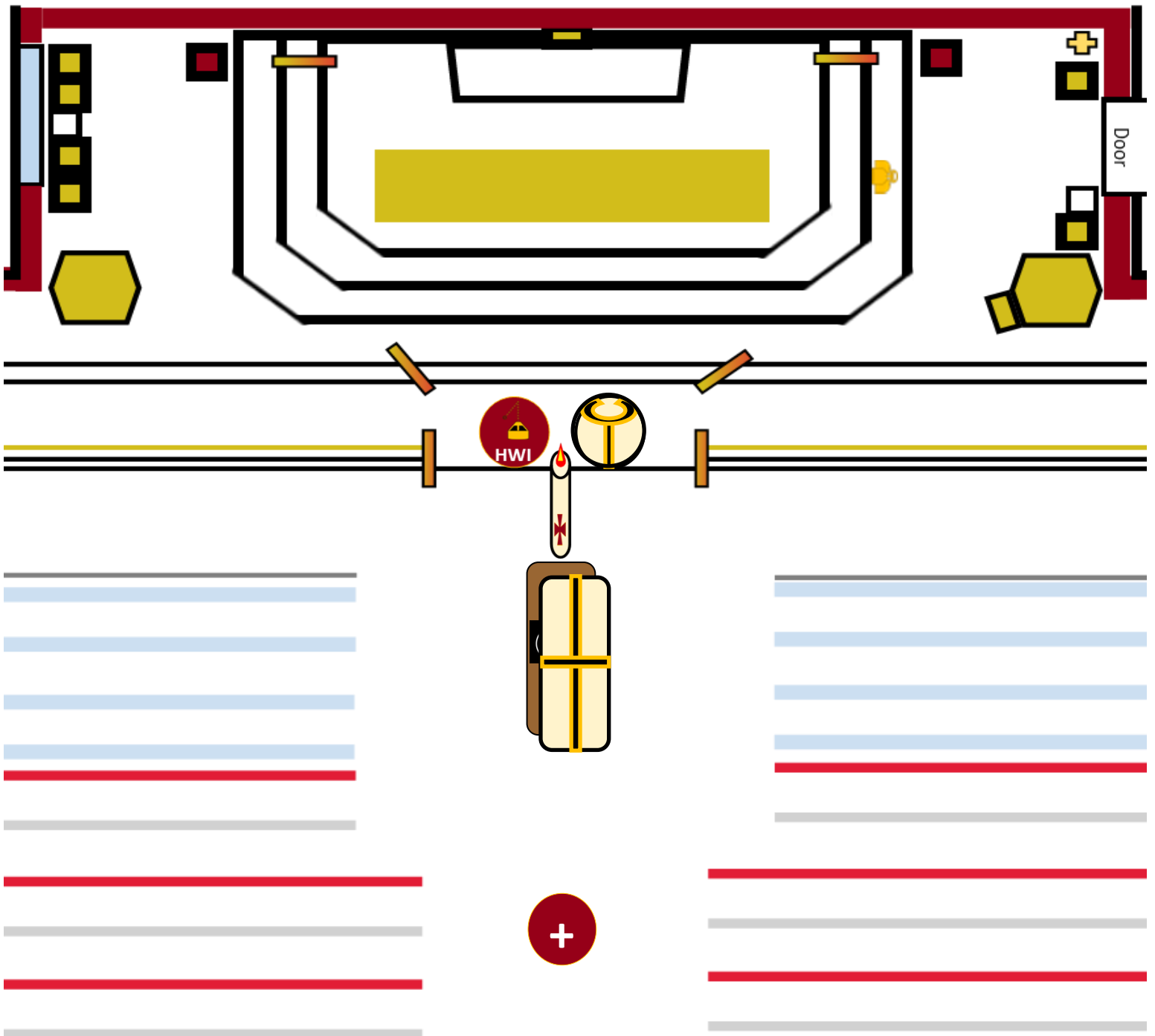
**Cross** goes to the center aisle, **past** the casket about six feet, and faces the altar.

--The priest addresses the people, then uses the **incense**.

This involves a handing back and forth of the **boat**, **thurible** and funeral **book**.

The "**boat**" is the round metal **incense container**.

The "**thurible**" is the **incense burner on a chain**.



## Part 5: Final Commendation (*continued*)

--As soon as the priest finishes using the incense,

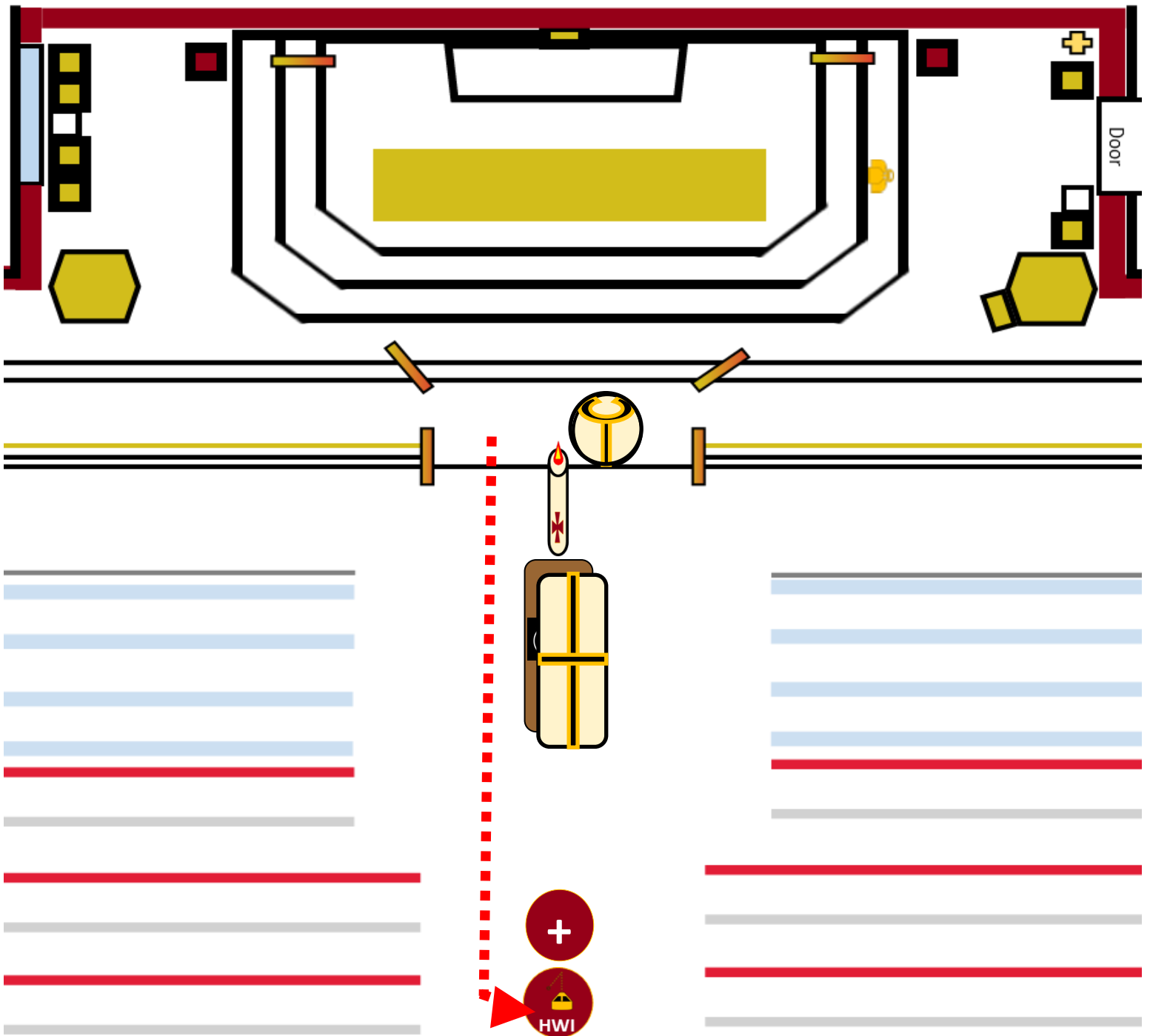
**Incense** (HWI) goes to the center aisle **past** the casket and **Cross**.

Now **Incense** (HWI) and **Cross** are **both** facing the altar.

--The priest prays the Final Commendation,

then goes to the center aisle and stands between **Cross** and the casket.

(The funeral director will probably assemble the pallbearers at the casket.)



## Part 6: Procession OUT

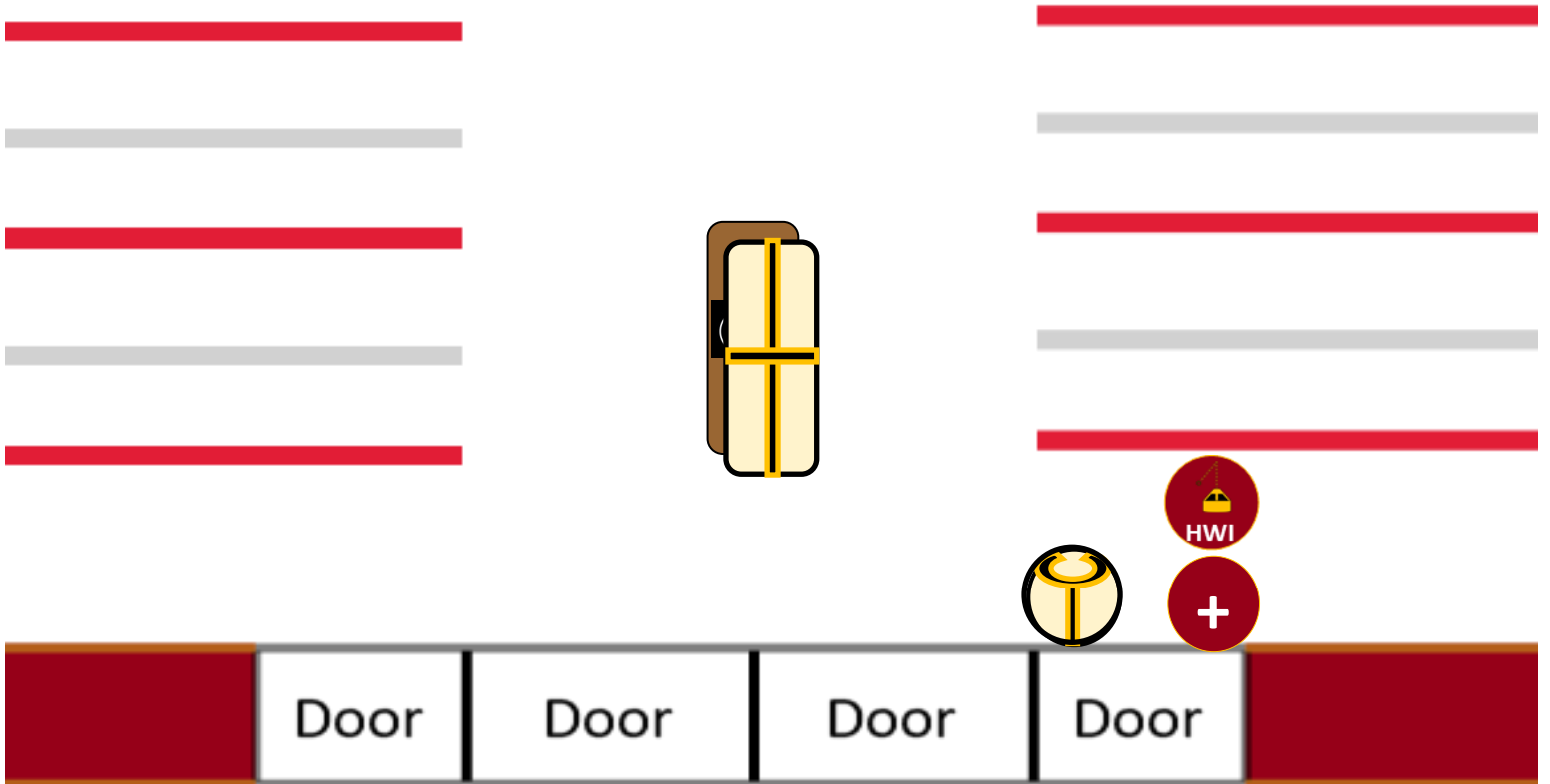
--**Incense** (HWI), then **Cross**, then the priest lead the Procession OUT.

--In the back of church, **Incense** (HWI) and **Cross** stop a few steps into the back aisle.

--The priest might want to give you specific instructions for cleaning up afterwards.

**Cross** can bring the folded pall back to the sacristy.

Ask the sacristan what more you can do to help.



Thanks for  
serving!