

Dear Monsignors/Fathers:

The celebration of a Pontifical High Mass in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite for the feast of Candlemas will be celebrated by Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski on February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30pm at the Church of the Epiphany. All priests are welcome to attend.

This wonderful celebration is an opportunity to experience beautiful music in its intended spiritual setting, but also to be immersed in the rich symbolism of the Tridentine Mass. It is the Archbishop's hope that this event will serve as a means for "mutual enrichment," as Pope Benedict XVI has noted, between the Extraordinary and Ordinary Forms of the Roman Rite. By becoming more familiar with and deeply rooted in the Mass of the 1962 *Missale Romanum*, we can better understand the *Missale Romanum* of Pope Paul VI and its accompanying *ars celebrandi*. Attached you will find instructions for Clergy.

Many thanks,

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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR CLERGY AND SEMINARIANS IN CHOIR

Please arrive no later than **7:15pm**, wearing cassock, collar, and surplice (and biretta, if possible), and stand outside of the front door of the church, awaiting the Archbishop's arrival. Please stand in pairs, lowest ranking first, highest ranking last. If an odd number of clergy, the last three walk abreast—unless there is a distinction in choir dress, in which case the prelate may walk alone. Birettas are worn outside the church and when *sitting* inside the church.

### I. Arrival and Entrance of Archbishop (AB)

- a. Stand w/ hands folded and birettas on for the AB's arrival—**please maintain a reverential silence**
- b. When the AB takes the holy water outside the front door, **all uncover and kneel**, and await the AB's blessing
- c. Upon entering the church, remove birettas and carry them w/ hands joined before the breast
- d. Process to altar of the Blessed Sacrament, genuflect and kneel at
- e. MC's signal for a short time of prayer (remaining in formation)
- f. At MC's signal, rise, genuflect, and follow directions of the sacristans, who will guide you to your places in choir—the lower clergy taking the **front** seats, the higher the back—where you remain *standing*

### II. Reception of Blessed Candles

- a. At MC's signal, the clergy approach the throne two by two ("communion movement"), genuflect together to altar cross (when passing in front), approach AB, genuflect to AB, kneel, kiss AB's ring, kiss candle. Stand, descend, genuflect, return to place in choir, sit, cover.
- b. The following order is observed: First the AP (alone), then AD1, AD2, SD+, vested canons, clergy, seminarians

### III. Procession inside the Church

- a. At MC's signal, leave your places in choir two by two, lowest ranking first, highest ranking last. Fall in immediately after the Cantors and Thurifer—i.e., you are at the **FRONT** of the Procession. Leave biretta behind, carry lit candle in your right hand, left hand laid flat upon the breast, eyes downcast.
- b. Upon return to the high altar, genuflect, return to places, extinguish candles, and remain standing.

### IV. Pontifical Terce and Final Vesting for Mass

- a. General principle: remaining standing until AB sits, and stand when AB stands.

## V. Pontifical High Mass

- a. When AB sits (Kyrie, Gloria) ..... *sit*
- b. When AB stands (Collect) ..... *stand*
- c. When AB sits (Epistle) ..... *sit*
- d. When AB stands (Gospel) ..... *stand w/ lit candles*
- e. When AB preaches ..... *sit and extinguish candles*
- f. When AB goes from pulpit to throne ..... *stand*
- g. When AB says *Oremus* (Offertory)..... *sit*
- h. When AB goes to the altar ..... *stand*
- i. When AB ascends altar ..... *sit*
- j. When Deacon comes to incense the choir ..... *stand*
- k. When AB finishes *reciting* the Sanctus ..... *kneel*
- l. After the Elevation of the Chalice ..... *stand*
- m. During AB's recitation of the Agnus Dei ..... *bow*
- n. Reception of Pax: the one *receiving* it bows and then places hands under the elbows of the one *giving* it (left cheeks nearly touching), responding *Et cum spiritu tuo* to the salutation *Pax tecum*. Repeat down the line—highest to lowest.
- o. When the Deacon sings the Confiteor ..... *kneel*
- p. During distribution of Holy Communion ..... *kneel*
- q. Just before AB sings *Dominus vobiscum* (Postcommunion) ..... *stand*
- r. When AB gives pontifical blessing ..... *kneel*
- s. When AB reads Last Gospel ..... *stand*
- t. At the *Et verbum caro factum est* ..... *genuflect*
- u. Recessional: file out two by two (lowest first, then highest), genuflect to altar, then follow the Thurifer out (again, you are leading the Recession).
- v. When all have recessed and are standing outside, turn to the Metropolitan Cross and bow at MC's signal, then kneel for AB's final blessing