

## CANDLEMAS LOW MASS FORM

### PREPARATIONS

#### On altar:

- [on Epistle edge] Small tray with candles covered with a white veil (e.g., chalice veil)
  - a. Special candle for C with follower (located in closet with acolytes' candles)
  - b. Tapers (with cardboard wax catchers) for everyone else
- missal (to right of tray with candles)
- chalice assembly (with corporal unfolded)

#### On sedilia:

- chasuble and maniple

#### On credence:

- aspersory
- small stainless ewer and basin set (from cruets cabinet)
- small circular stainless tray with clean bar of soap
- absorbent white towel
- boat with incense and spoon
- matches (for lighting C's candle)
- normal Mass items (cruets, tray, dish, towel)
- bugia without handle (found in cabinet above black cassocks)

#### Near credence:

- thurible stand

#### In servers' sacristy:

- thurible
- 2 lit charcoals

### SYNOPSIS OF CEREMONY WITH A SINGLE ACOLYTE

#### *Nota bene:*

- Thurible with charcoals is already on stand in sanctuary.
- Communion rail gate is already opened.
  1. C ascends to altar and kisses it.
  2. Acolyte uncovers candles and puts veil on credence.
  3. C says prayers, with acolyte standing next and holding cope during blessings only.
  4. Acolyte retrieves thurible and boat, incense is imposed and blessed at Epistle corner of predella (in front of missal).
  5. Acolyte returns thurible to stand and retrieves aspersory; candles blessed with water.
  6. Acolyte returns aspersory and retrieves thurible; candles incensed.
  7. Acolyte returns thurible, puts C's candle in middle of altar, then kneels and receives his candle. Acolyte places his candle back on tray, picks tray up, goes to foot, gfs with C and goes to rail for distribution of candles (both C and acolyte gf as they cross center each time).
  8. When distribution is finished, C and acolyte return to foot, gf and go to stand in front of credence. There acolyte puts down tray and picks up ewer, etc. and washes C's hands in front of credence bowing before and after.
  9. While C says last prayer at missal, acolyte retrieves thurible and boat and incense is imposed again at Epistle corner. Acolyte temporarily returns thurible, then retrieves C's candle, lights it at credence and then goes to nave to light candles of faithful in first pew (who pass it back). Acolyte returns to altar, and with *solita oscula* (candle first) gives C his candle.

10. Then acolyte retrieves thurible and lines up at foot with C who announces "*Procedamus in pace*" then procession takes place, with acolyte bearing thurible exiting the sanctuary and proceeding down Gospel side aisle to middle of pews, then up the main aisle returning to the foot.
11. At foot, acolyte takes candle from C (*solita oscula*, candle first), then first returns thurible to stand (it can remain there for the rest of Mass), turns to face nave and signals all to extinguish their candles; candle is placed in bugia. [meanwhile C vests at sedilia, placing cope on it.]
12. Mass begins omitting all Preparatory Prayers (altar is kissed though) and going directly to the Introit.
13. During the Epistle, the acolyte lights C's candle and goes to nave to light candles as before in preparation for Gospel. Acolyte leaves C's candle lit at bugia, then transfers missal as usual, afterwards immediately retrieving C's candle.
14. Before Gospel periscope, acolyte gives C his candle (*solita oscula*, candle first). Acolyte remains next to C during Gospel (second altar step) taking candle back (*solita oscula*, candle first) before C kisses missal. Acolyte extinguishes C's candle and returns it to credence [acolyte will not signal faithful to extinguish theirs, due to lack of sufficient time to re-light them for Canon].
15. Mass as usual.