

When the Bishop Celebrates Mass
Notes

- Any special blessings, sacraments, or other rituals **DURING** Mass must ordinarily be made in advance. Please do not make such requests of the Bishop the day of the Mass.
- Likewise, the Bishop should be informed of any other events that occur before or after the Mass **AHEAD** of time if he is invited to attend. Such events include devotions, blessings, processions or other rituals, receptions, awards ceremonies, meals.
- Please reserve a parking space near the church for the bishop's car.
- Bishop Coyne will bring his own vestments. Please have a small table or counter clear for him to lay his travel case on.
- On the credence table, a bottle or glass of water is to be provided for use as necessary.
- When the Bishop is the presider at Mass, he will ask the deacon (or concelebrant, if a deacon is not available) to proclaim the Gospel.
- **WHEN THE BOOK OF THE GOSPELS IS USED:** After the proclamation of the Gospel either by a deacon or concelebrant, the deacon or concelebrant is **NOT** to reverence the book. Rather, the deacon or concelebrant should invite the people to remain standing, and the Gospel Book is brought to the Bishop for his reverencing and blessing of the people. After the blessing, the Gospel Book is handed back to the concelebrant or deacon to be set aside.
- At this time, communion will be offered only under the species of bread. Concelebrants will receive communion by intention.
- There are to be no more than five (5) petitions of the Universal Prayer. They are to be clear and concise, following the form of the Intercessions in the appendix of the Roman Missal.
- The sign of peace will be offered.
- There are to be no kneelers set in front of the bishop during Communion. The normal position to receive Communion in the U.S. according to the GIRM is standing. If someone wishes to kneel, they may do so.
- When Mass is finished, Bishop Coyne will return to the inside of the church in front of the main altar for people to greet him. The lights are to be left on until he has greeted the last person and left the church.