

# ICC Torchbearers

## Solemn Mass

### Preparation:

- Arrive in the sacristy and be vested in cassock and surplice 15 minutes before Mass.
- Once vested go to your seat and pray until the Th gets you shortly before Mass.

### General Guidelines:

- TBs shall follow the Acolytes and Crucifer when at their seats (sitting, standing, etc.).
- When walking side-by-side, the torch should be held on the outside shoulder. When at the communion rail, the torch should be held on the side farthest from the altar.
- The torch should be held with two hands when standing or moving, and with one hand when kneeling.

### Procession and Ceremony:

- The TBs process in behind the Crucifer and Acolytes.
- While processing in, stay two pews behind the group in front of you.
- Upon arrival into the sanctuary, the TBs genuflect 2x2 and go to their seats.

### Gospel:

- Once members of the gospel procession genuflect, turn and face the gospel formation for the chanting of the gospel. At the conclusion of the gospel turn back and face straight ahead.

### Offertory:

- During the Offertory, the thurifer will incense the TBs as a group. When the Priest chants '*per omnia saecula saeculorum*' the TBs go to retrieve their torches led in procession by the Th to the server sacristy.
- During the *Sanctus*, the TBs proceed in groups of 2 into the Sanctuary via the epistle side, genuflect, turn in toward each other and walk to the first step in the sanctuary and fan out, then kneel in their appointed spots at the Th signal.

### Communion:

- After receiving Holy Communion, the two **OUTSIDE** TBs stand and immediately process down to the communion rail and go to the far end of the communion rail on their side. Upon arrival, they kneel until communion is finished being distributed.
- Once the last person receives communion, both TBs rise in unison and immediately process back to their spots. Upon returning to their spots, they kneel without genuflecting.
- Once the tabernacle door closes, the TBs rise upon the Th's signal. The TBs come to the centre 2x2, genuflect and go to put their torches away. Once finished, the TBs return to their seats led in procession by the Th.

Recession:

- During the Last Gospel, once they have signed themselves the TBs go to the centre of the sanctuary where they line up in front of the Acolytes for the recession. TBs genuflect during the Last Gospel and again on the MC's signal.
- In the sacristy the TBs line up facing the crucifix and bow to the cross and kneel for the blessing.

Afterwards the TBs have no responsibilities.