

## Items Unique to a Pontifical Ceremony

Certain items are unique to pontifical ceremonies and these are listed below.

**Bougia** - largely ceremonial candle reserved for use by the bishop. It is held by an altar server to light the pages so the bishop can read.

**Crozier** - pastoral staff shaped like a shepherd's crook carried by the bishop, which symbolizes his role as shepherd of the flock under his canonical jurisdiction.

**Miter** - tall folding cap, consisting of two similar parts (the front and back), rising to a peak and sewn together at the sides. Two short lappets hang down from the back. Worn by bishops and abbots.

**Roman Pontifical** – red book held by the altar server that has all the prayers for the Pontifical functions outside of Mass.

**Vimpa** - veil worn over the shoulder of servers who carry the miter and crozier during liturgical functions when they are not being used by the bishop. It prevents direct contact with the pontificalia by anyone other than the bishop, and indicates that the holder does not have the authority of a bishop.



Photos: Cardinal DiNardo with altar servers, SEAS Main Church, January 11, 2014.