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CATHOLIC CHURCH

Serving Mass at Emmanuel Catholic Church – A Training Resource for Emmanuel Altar Boys



Quotes from the Saints

“Prayer without fervor has not sufficient strength to rise to heaven.” – St. Gaspar del Bufalo

“Holy Communion is the shortest and the safest way to Heaven.” – St. Pius X

“For even as our bodily food is changed into our substance, so the Holy Eucharist transforms us into Jesus Christ.” – St. John Baptist de la Salle

“The longer you stay away from Communion, the more your soul will become weak, and in the end you will become dangerously indifferent.” – St. John Bosco

“If angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion.” – St. Maximilian Kolbe

“When you look at the Crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host you understand how much Jesus loves you now.” – Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

“Ask Jesus to make you a saint. After all, only He can do that. Go to confession regularly and to Communion as often as you can.” – St. Dominic Savio

“From the Eucharist comes strength to live the Christian life and zeal to share that life with others.” – St. John Paul II

Abbreviations Used

Pr – Priest

Cc – Concelebrant

De – Deacon

Le – Lector

Th – Thurifer

CB – Crucifix Bearer

BB – Book Bearer

TB1 – Torch Bearer #1

TB2 – Torch Bearer #2

MC1 – Master of Ceremonies
#1

MC2 – Master of Ceremonies
#2

Ac1 – Acolyte #1

Ac2 – Acolyte #2

Pg1 – Page #1

Pg2 – Page #2

EM1 – Extraordinary Minister
#1

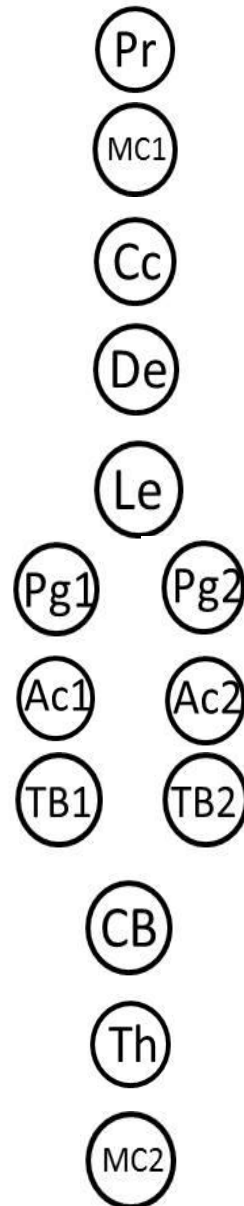
EM2 – Extraordinary Minister
#2

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

The Entrance Procession sets the tone for the entire Mass. The pace of the procession should be stately and dignified, we are not in a rush. Mass moves us from the realm of the temporal to the realm of the eternal. We are not in a hurry to return to hustle and bustle of life! This is God's time!

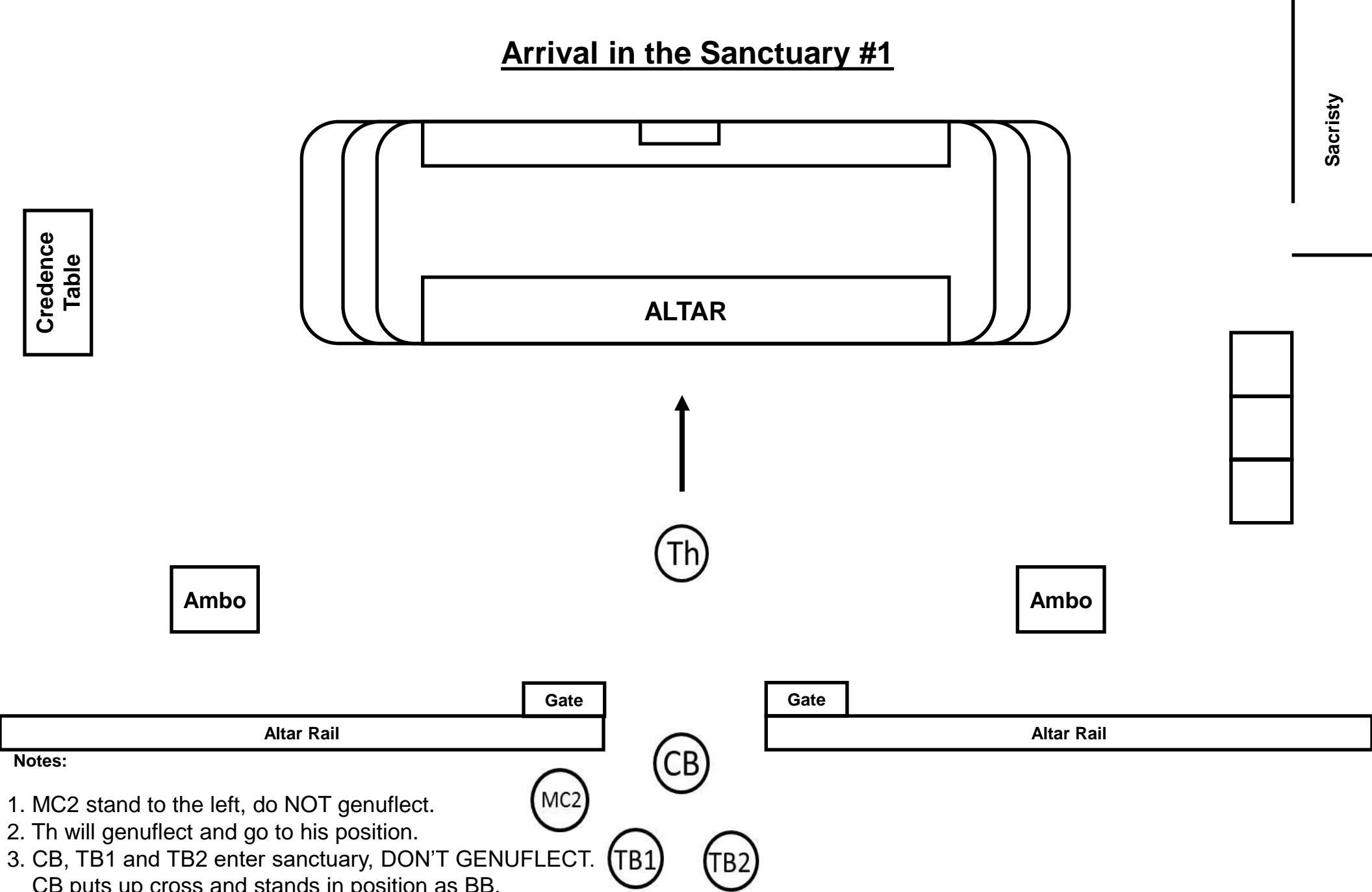
Procession Order from Sacristy

Procession
Direction



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Arrival in the Sanctuary #1



Sacristy

Credence
Table

ALTAR

Ambo

Ambo

Gate

Altar Rail

Gate

Altar Rail

Th

CB

MC2

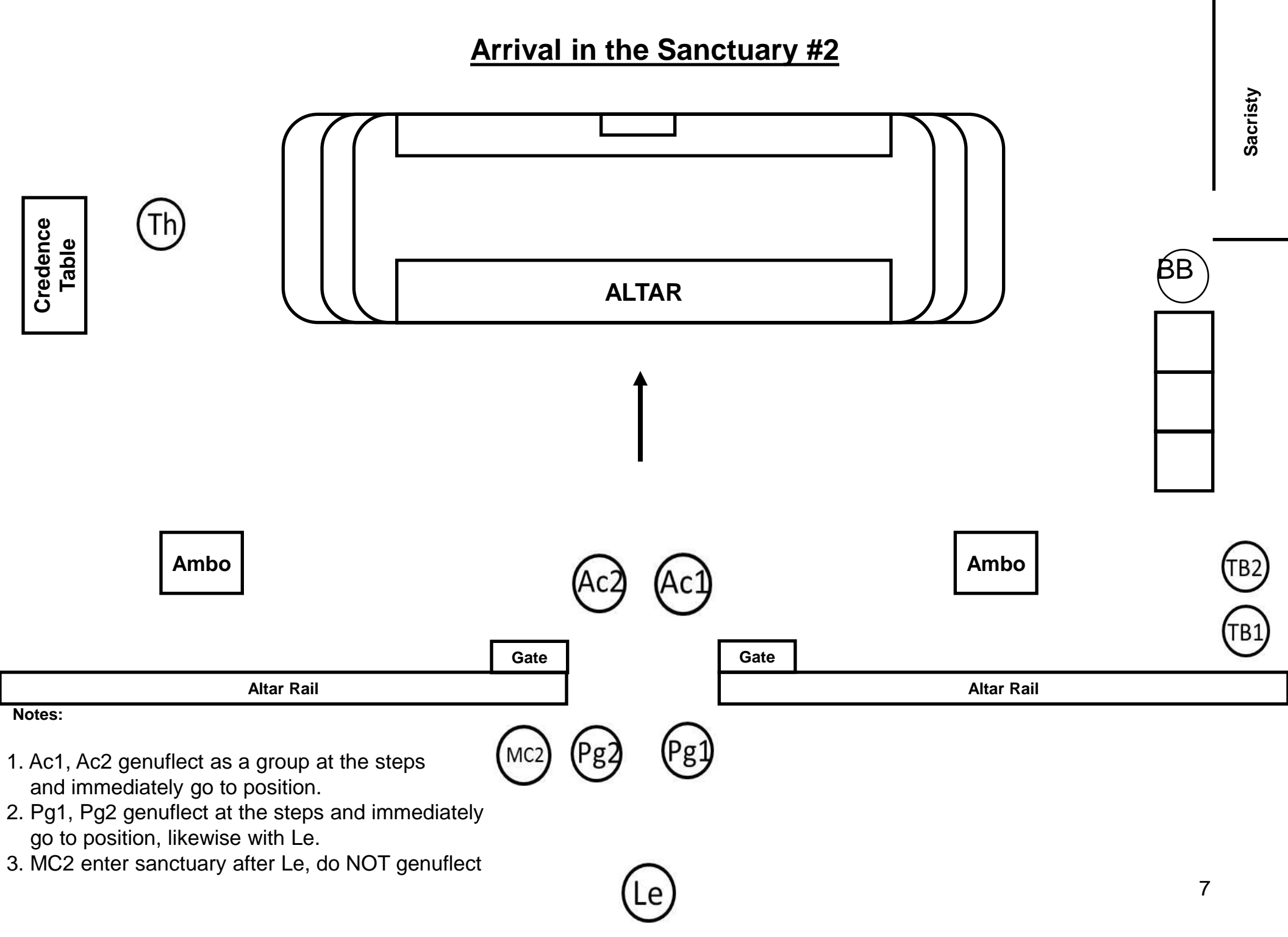
TB1

TB2

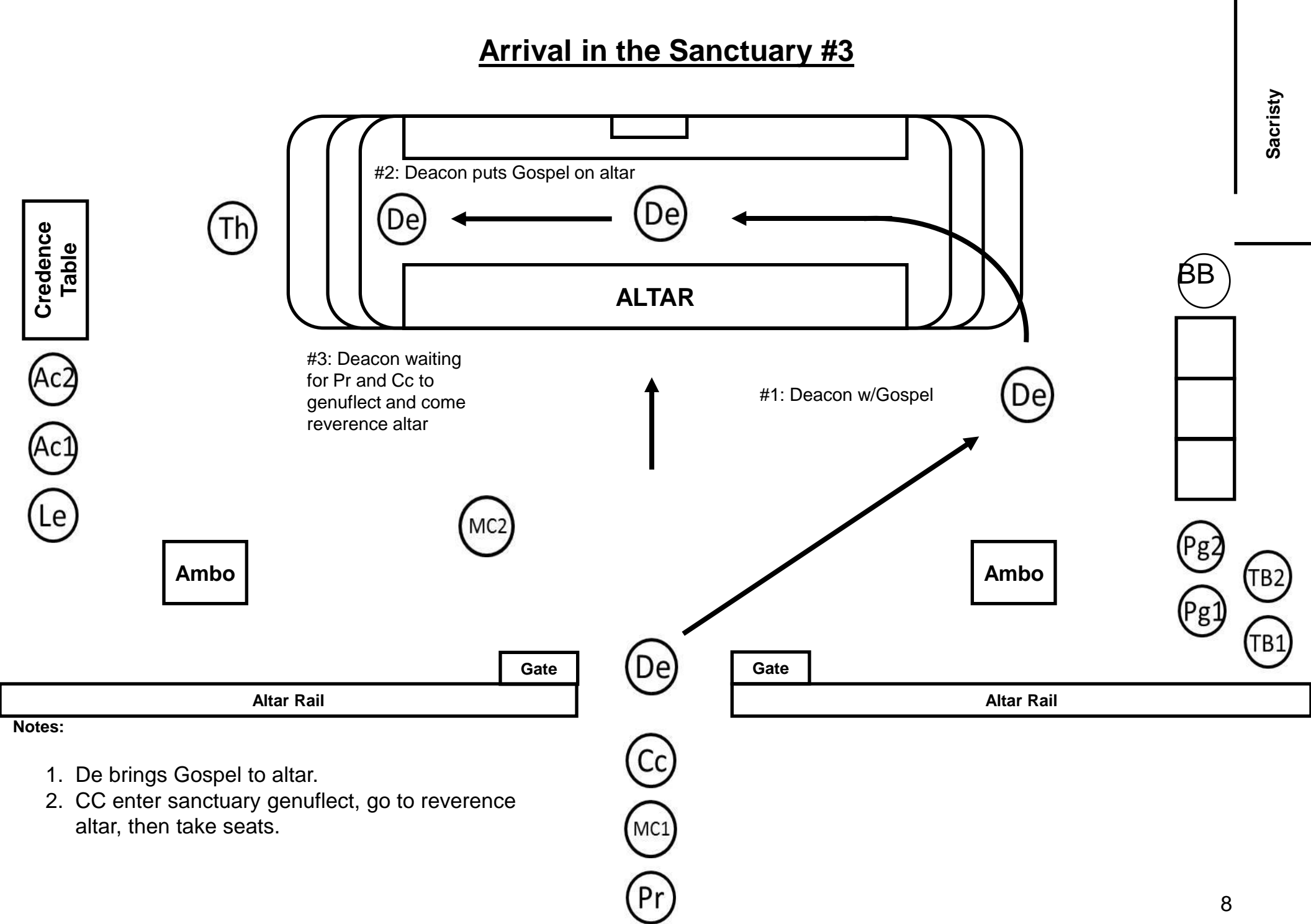
Notes:

1. MC2 stand to the left, do NOT genuflect.
2. Th will genuflect and go to his position.
3. CB, TB1 and TB2 enter sanctuary, DON'T GENUFLECT.
CB puts up cross and stands in position as BB.
4. TB1 and TB2 go into sacristy and put up torches and come back out – do NOT cross in front of Pr.

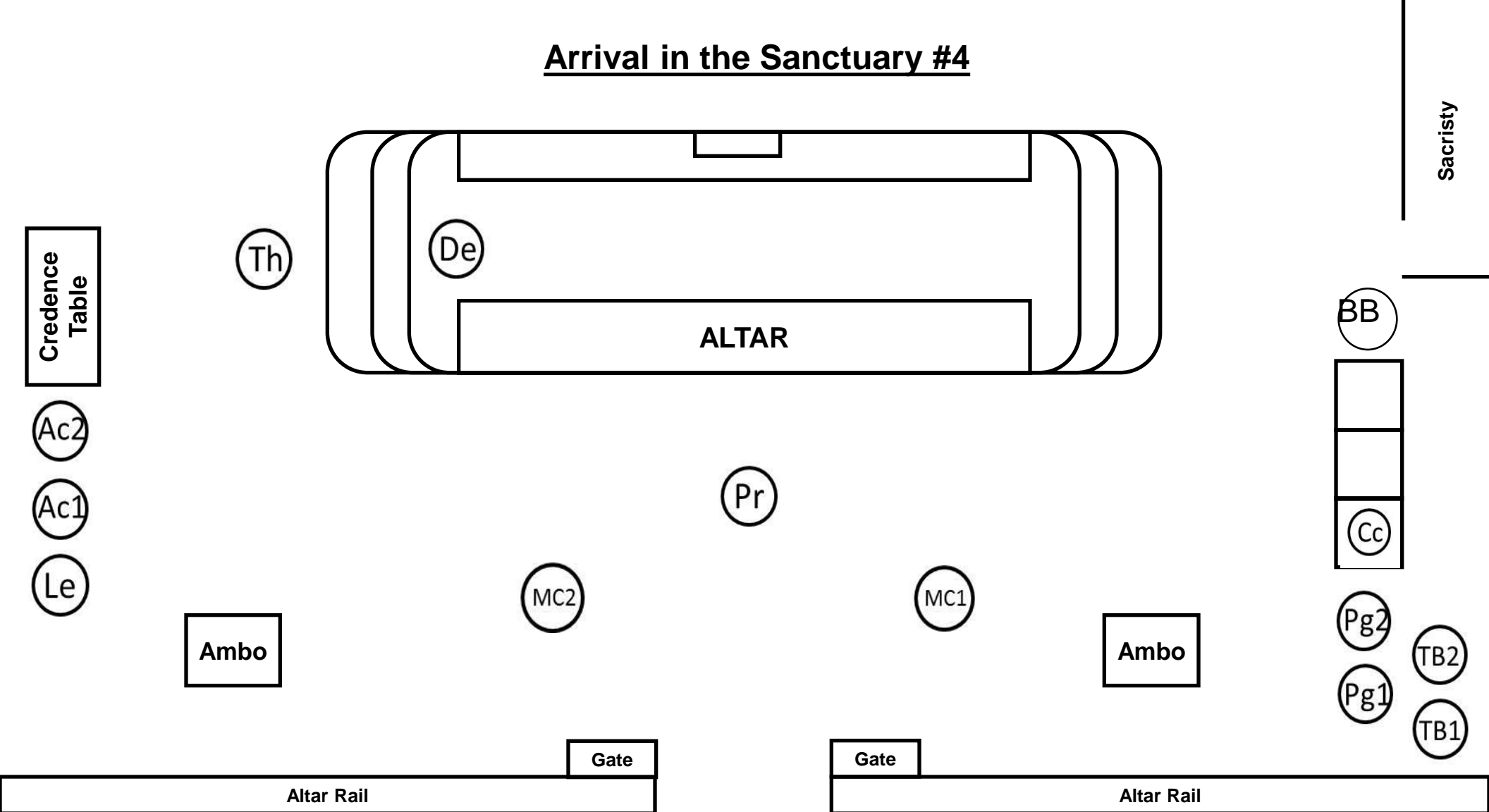
Arrival in the Sanctuary #2



Arrival in the Sanctuary #3



Arrival in the Sanctuary #4



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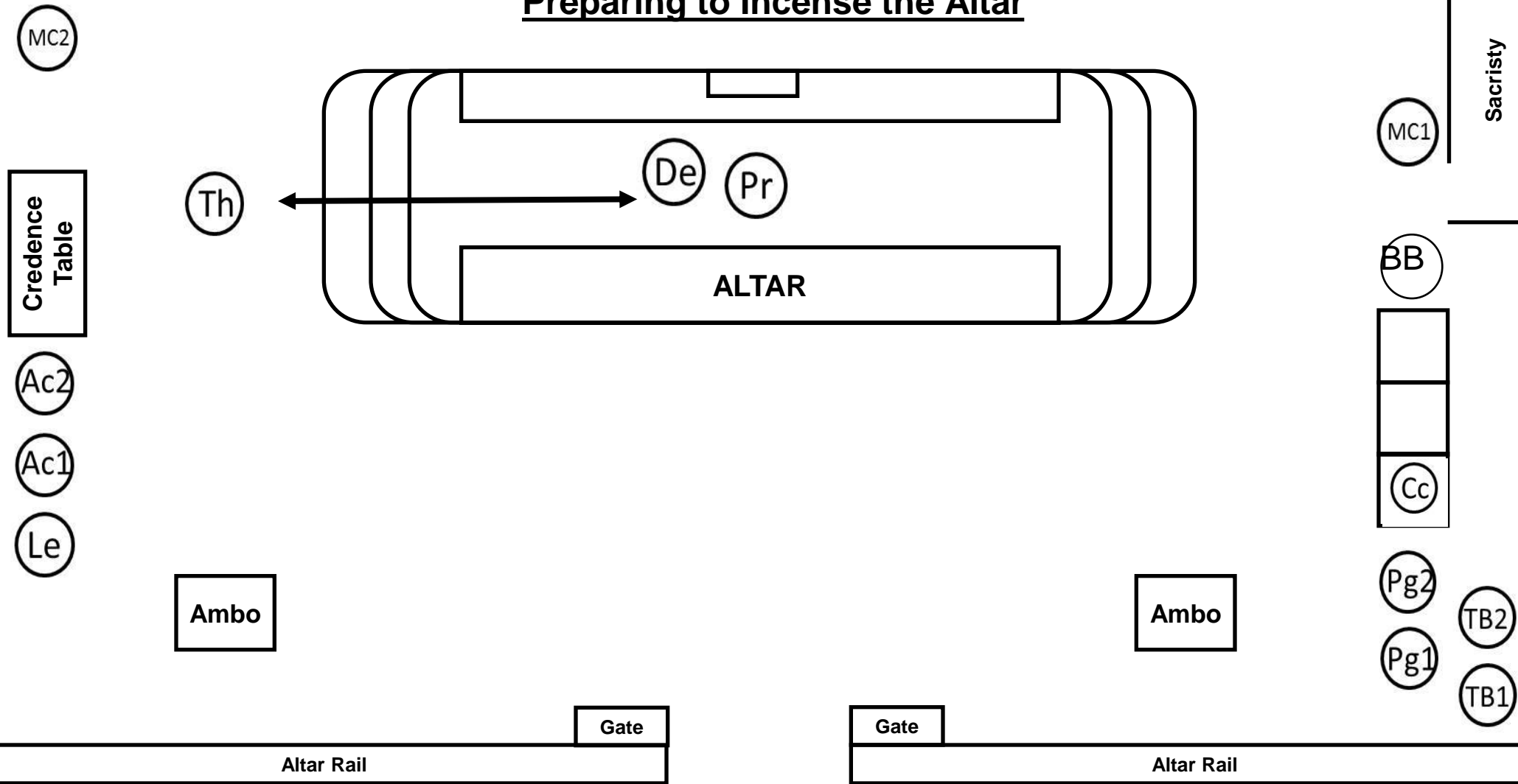
1. MC1 enters sanctuary goes just to right. Don't genuflect.
2. Pr enters sanctuary and genuflects.
3. MC1 and MC2 genuflect with Pr then go to respective positions.

FROM THE INCENSATION **OF THE ALTAR** **THROUGH THE COLLECT**

The Priest incenses the altar in preparation for the Holy Sacrifice. Incense is a sign of reverence and a dedication of the altar. The altar is where the One Sacrifice of Calvary is represented to the faithful during Mass.

In the Collect, the Priest as shepherd of the flock entrusted to him by God, gathers (collects) and offers the prayers of the people to God on their behalf.

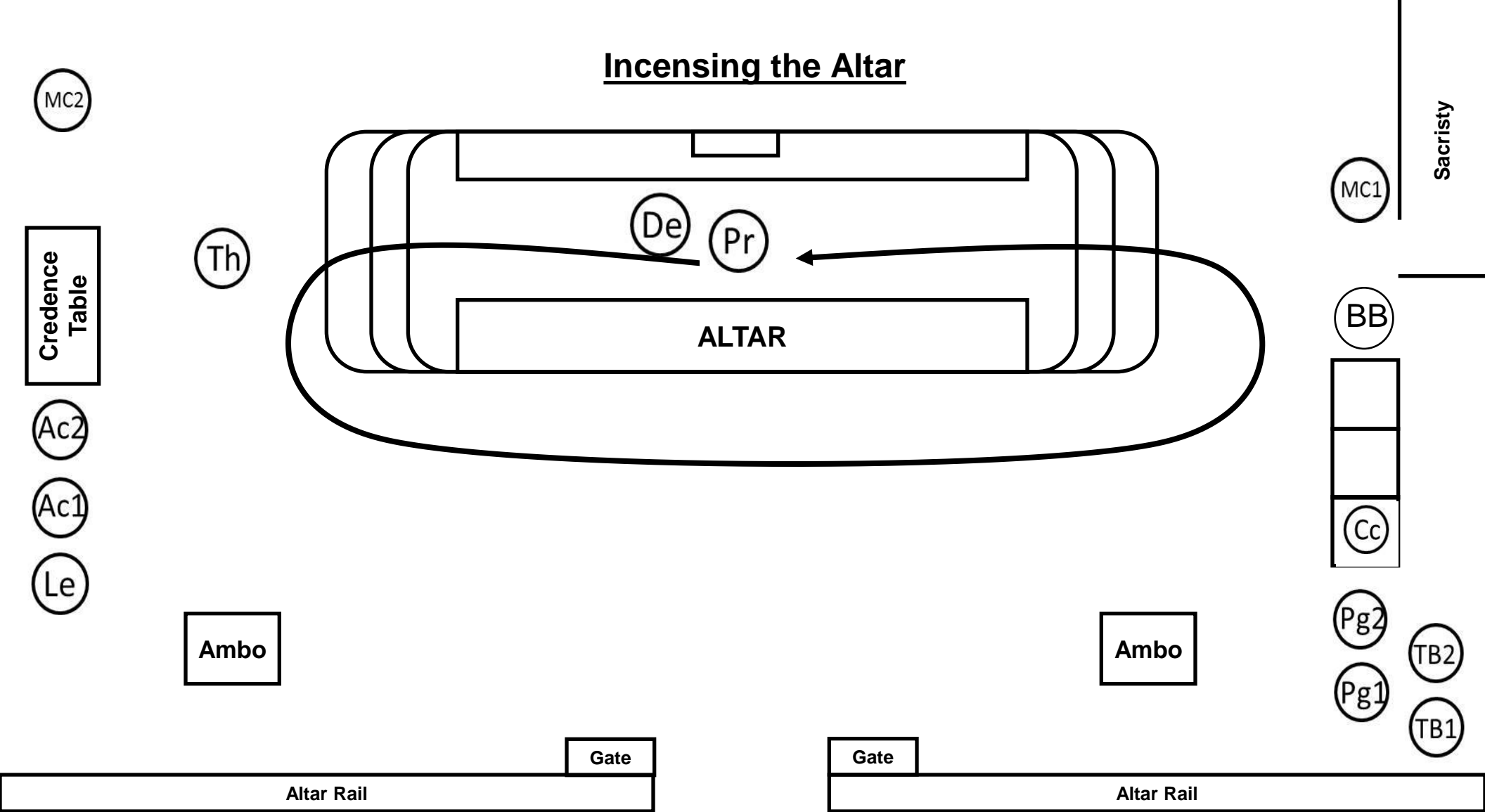
Preparing to Incense the Altar



Notes:

1. After Pr reverences Altar, Th IMMEDIATELY brings thurible and incense boat to Pr.
2. Deacon assists Pr in preparing incense.
3. After incense prepared, Th hands thurible to Pr and IMMEDIATELY goes back down stairs to wait.

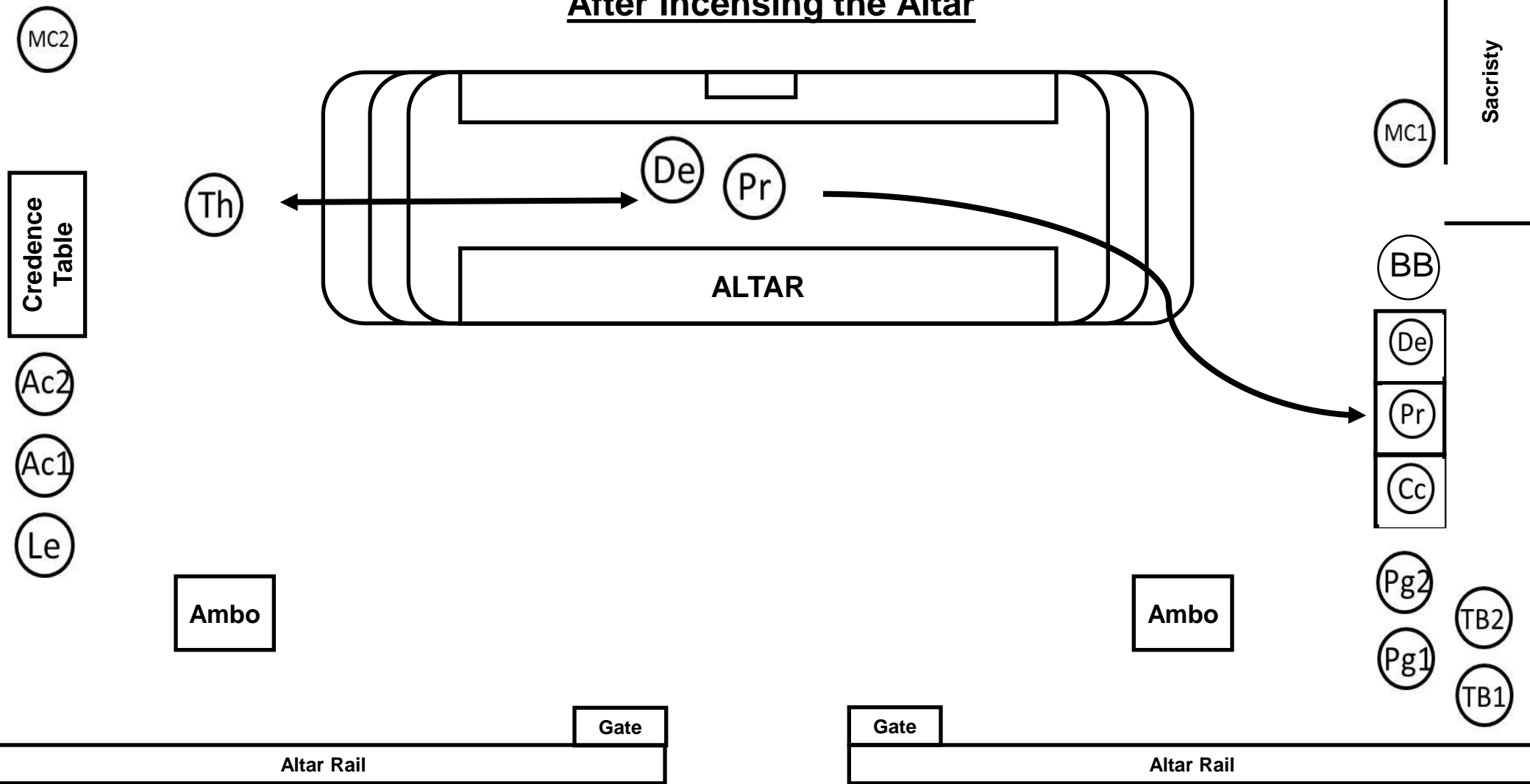
Incensing the Altar



Notes:

1. Pr incenses altar and crucifix.

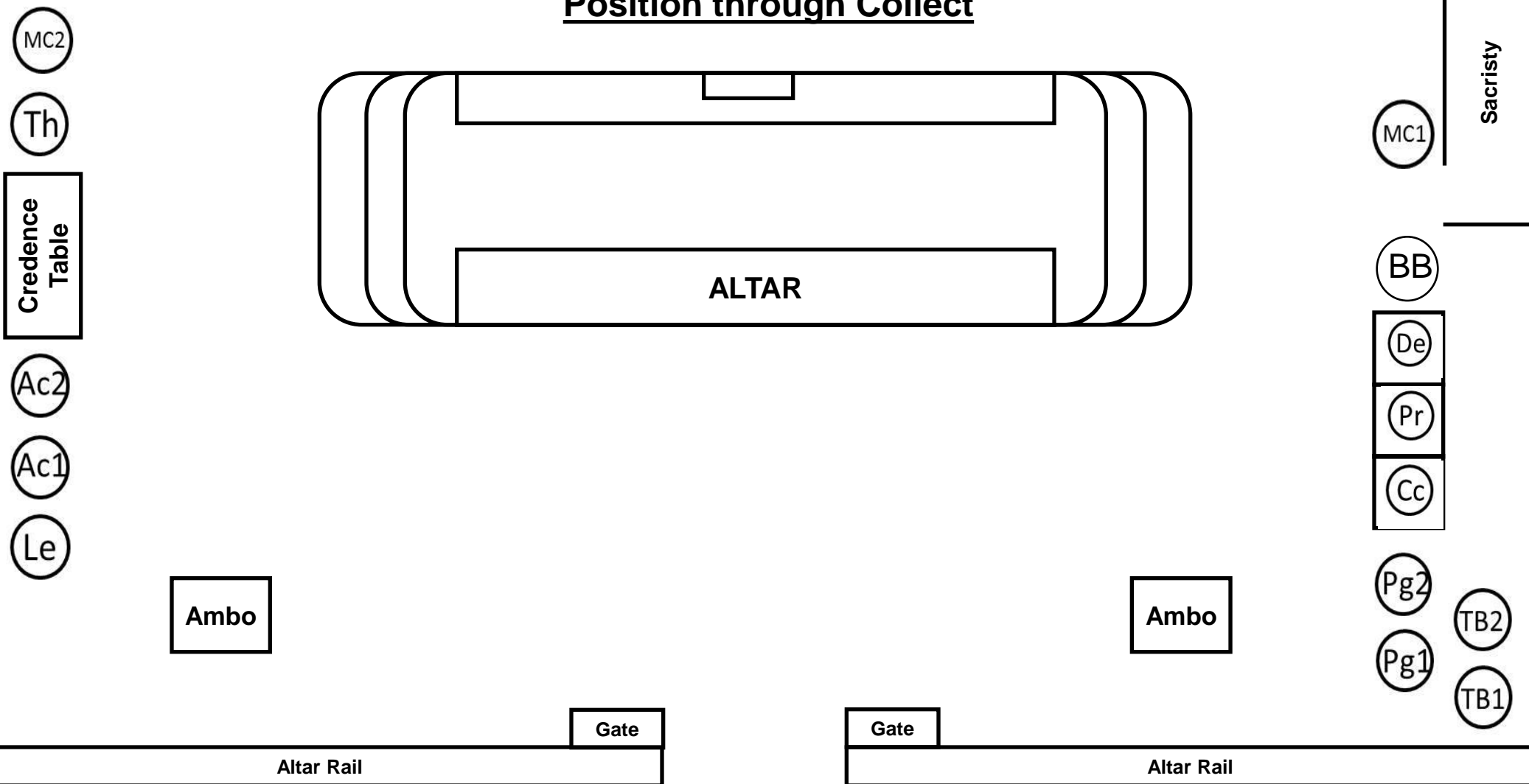
After Incensing the Altar



Notes:

1. After Pr is done incensing the altar, Th IMMEDIATELY gets the thurible from Pr and puts it back on incense stand.
2. Pr and De go to sedilia.

Position through Collect



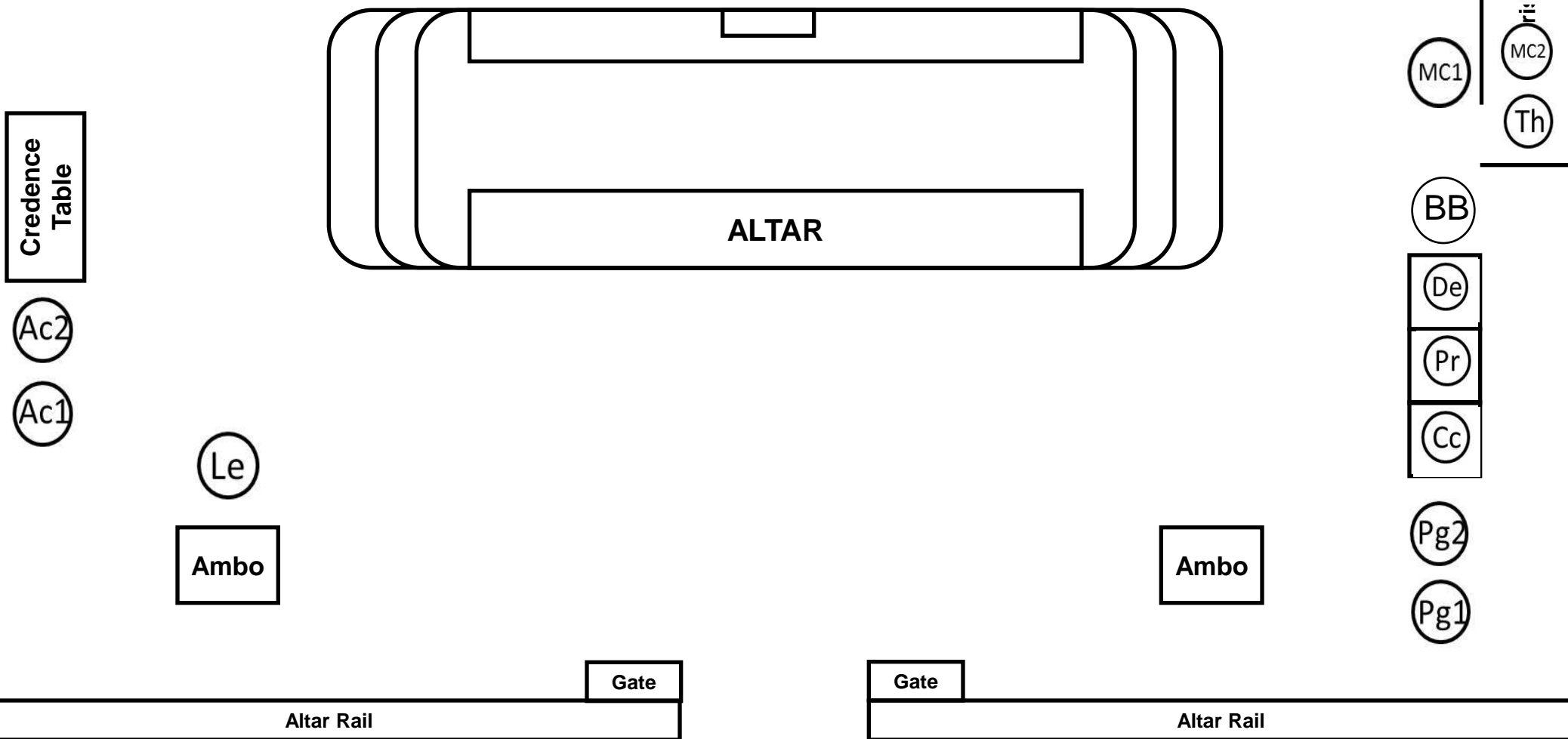
Notes:

1. Remain standing for Penitential Rite.
2. Gloria is then said/sung (except during Advent/Lent).
3. Pr prays Collect then ALL sit.

1st AND 2nd READINGS **AND GOSPEL**

In the readings and especially the Gospel, we hear the Word of God, that is, Our Lord Jesus Christ speaking to us through the human authors of Holy Scripture who without error wrote under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

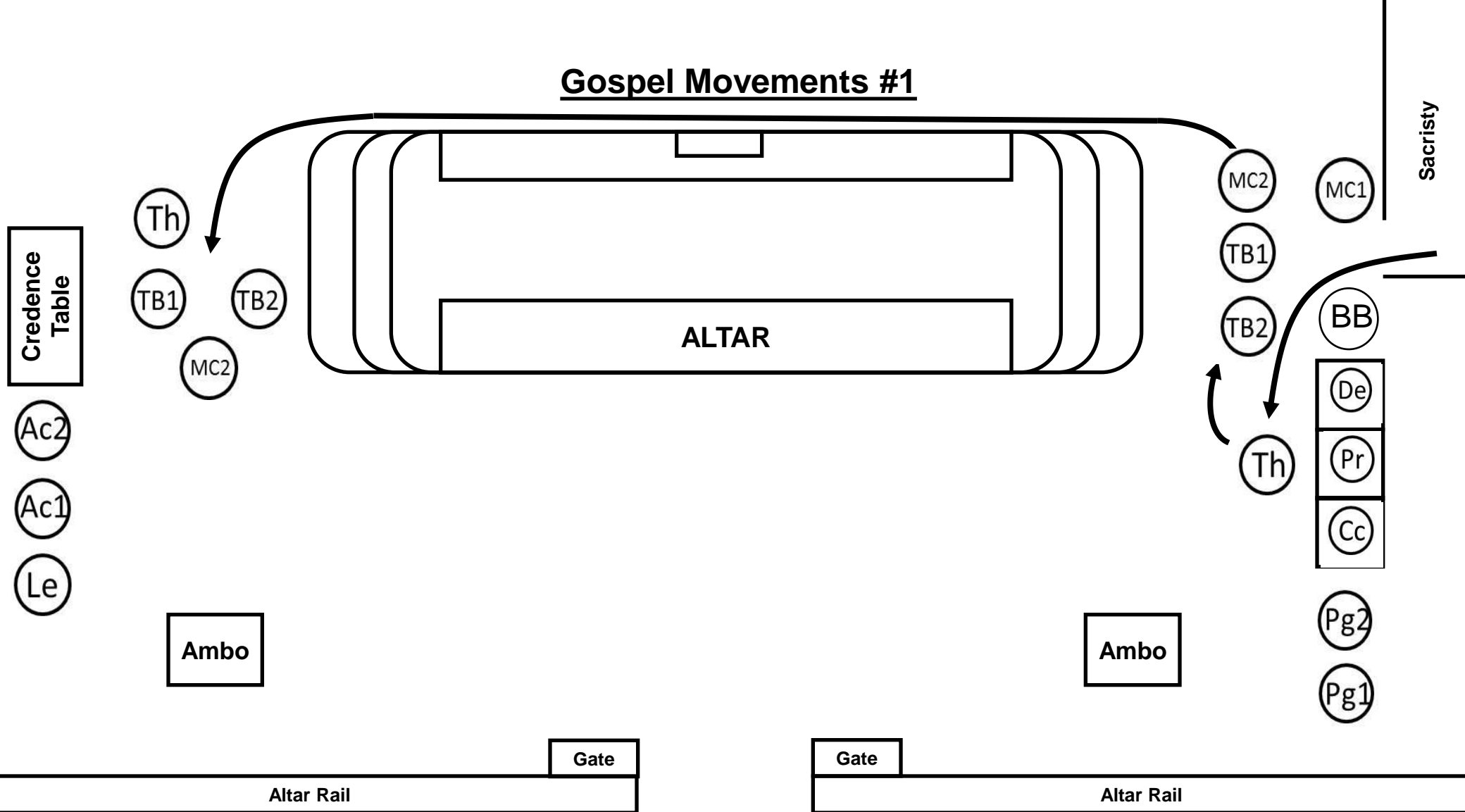
Preparation for the Gospel



Notes:

1. As soon as 2nd reading begins, MC, TBs, and Th go to sacristy. Do NOT pass in front of Pr.
2. Th brings thurible and boat to sacristy.
3. MC helps TBs and Th as needed.

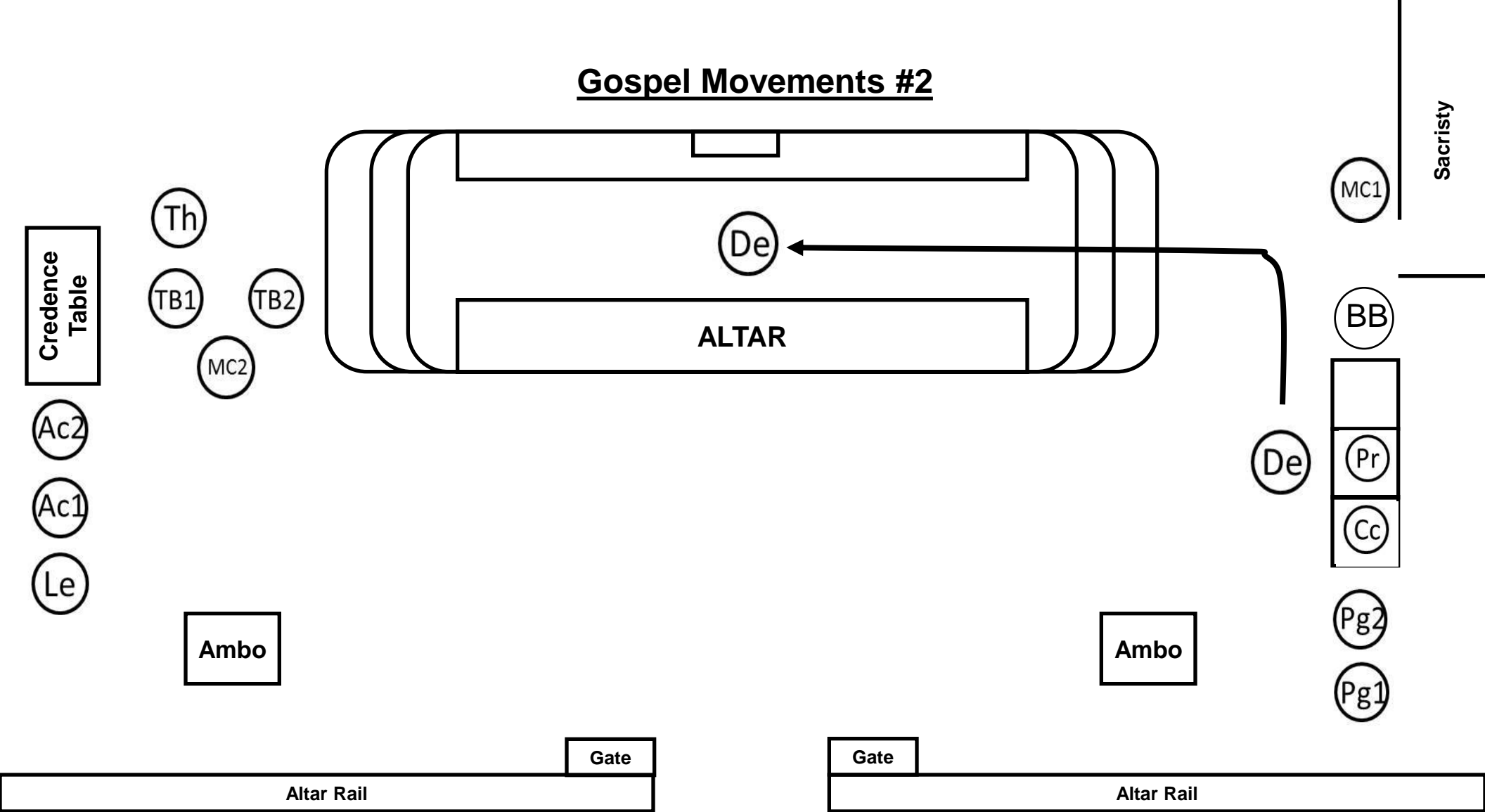
Gospel Movements #1



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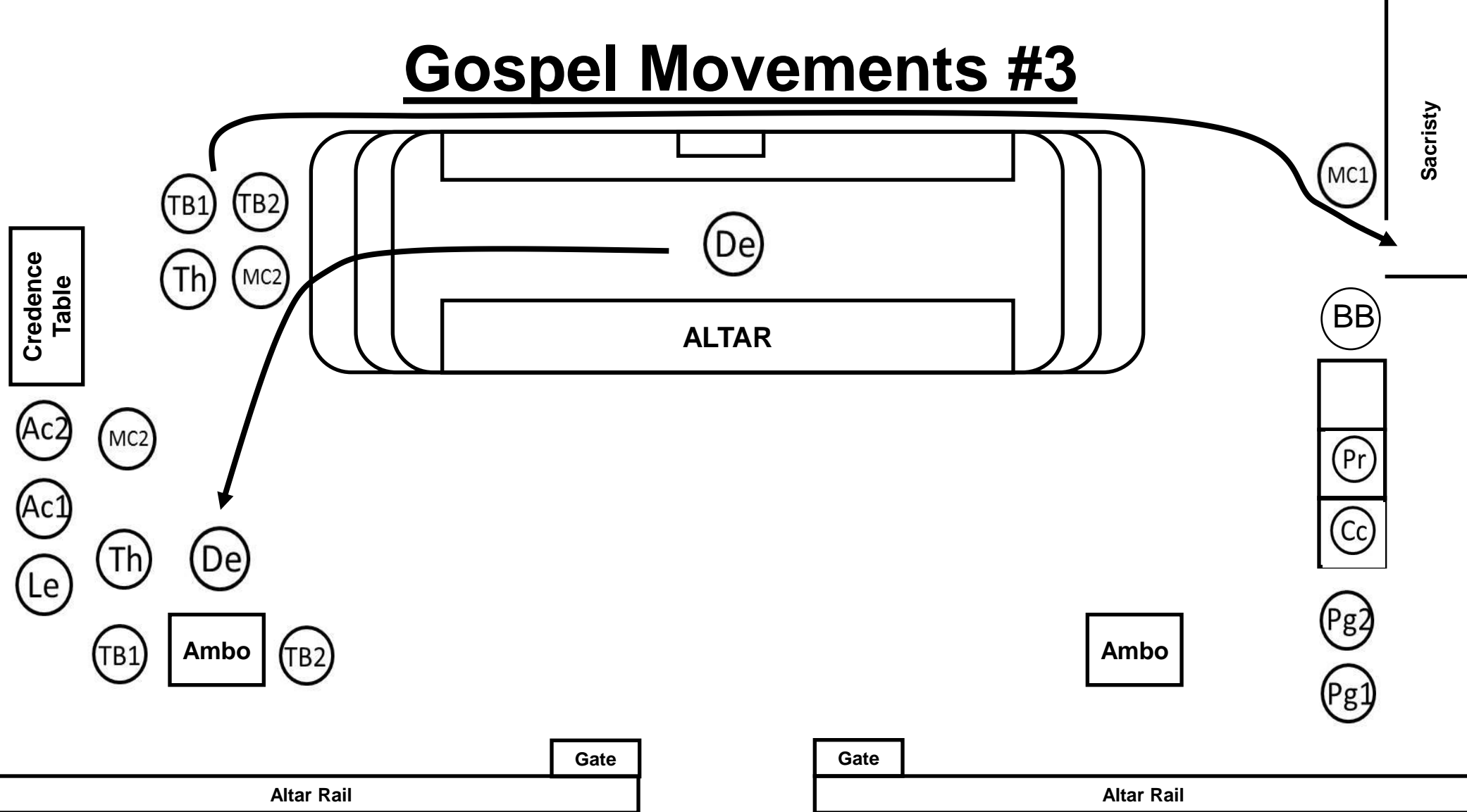
1. As soon as Gospel Acclamation starts and all stand, Th goes directly to Pr while MC and TBs get into position.
2. As soon as incense is prepared, Th goes behind altar and waits with MC and TBs.

Gospel Movements #2



- Notes:
1. De receives blessing from Pr and gets Gospel from altar.

Gospel Movements #3

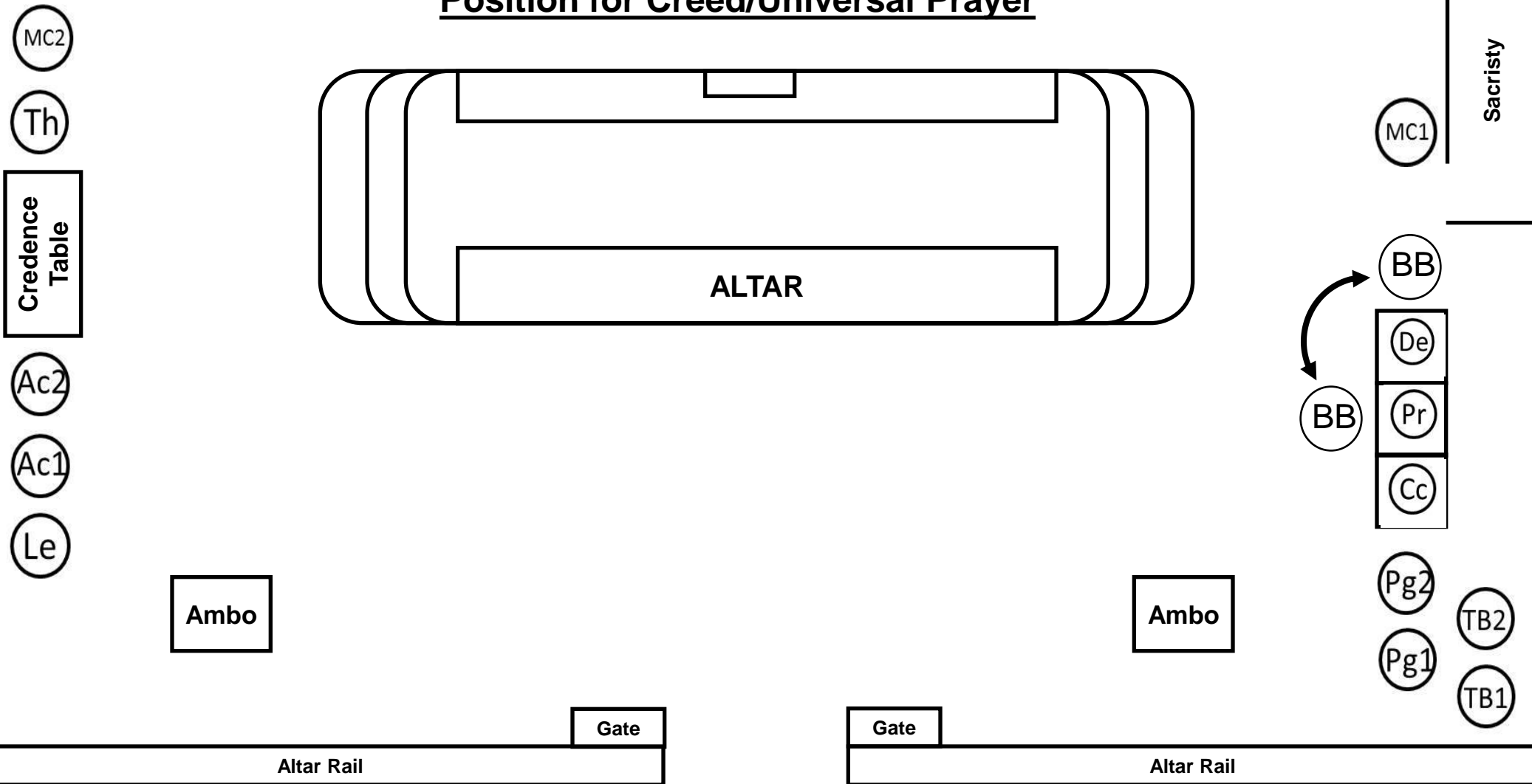


- Notes:
1. As soon as De starts down the steps with Gospel, THEN TBs, Th and MC get in position at ambo.
 2. After Gospel proclaimed, MC, TBs, and Th go back to sacristy.
 3. All Altar Boys remain standing until De gets back to chair. Sit in unison with De NOT with congregation.
 4. Th lights and puts another charcoal briquette in thurible and then takes thurible/boat back to thurible stand.
 5. All go back to seats.

HOMILY, PROFESSION OF FAITH, **AND UNIVERSAL PRAYER**

The Priest or Deacon gives the homily emphasizing the themes from the readings. After the homily we all profess our common faith by reciting the Creed ("I believe...") and then we present our petitions (Universal Prayer) to our merciful Father in heaven.

Position for Creed/Universal Prayer



Notes:

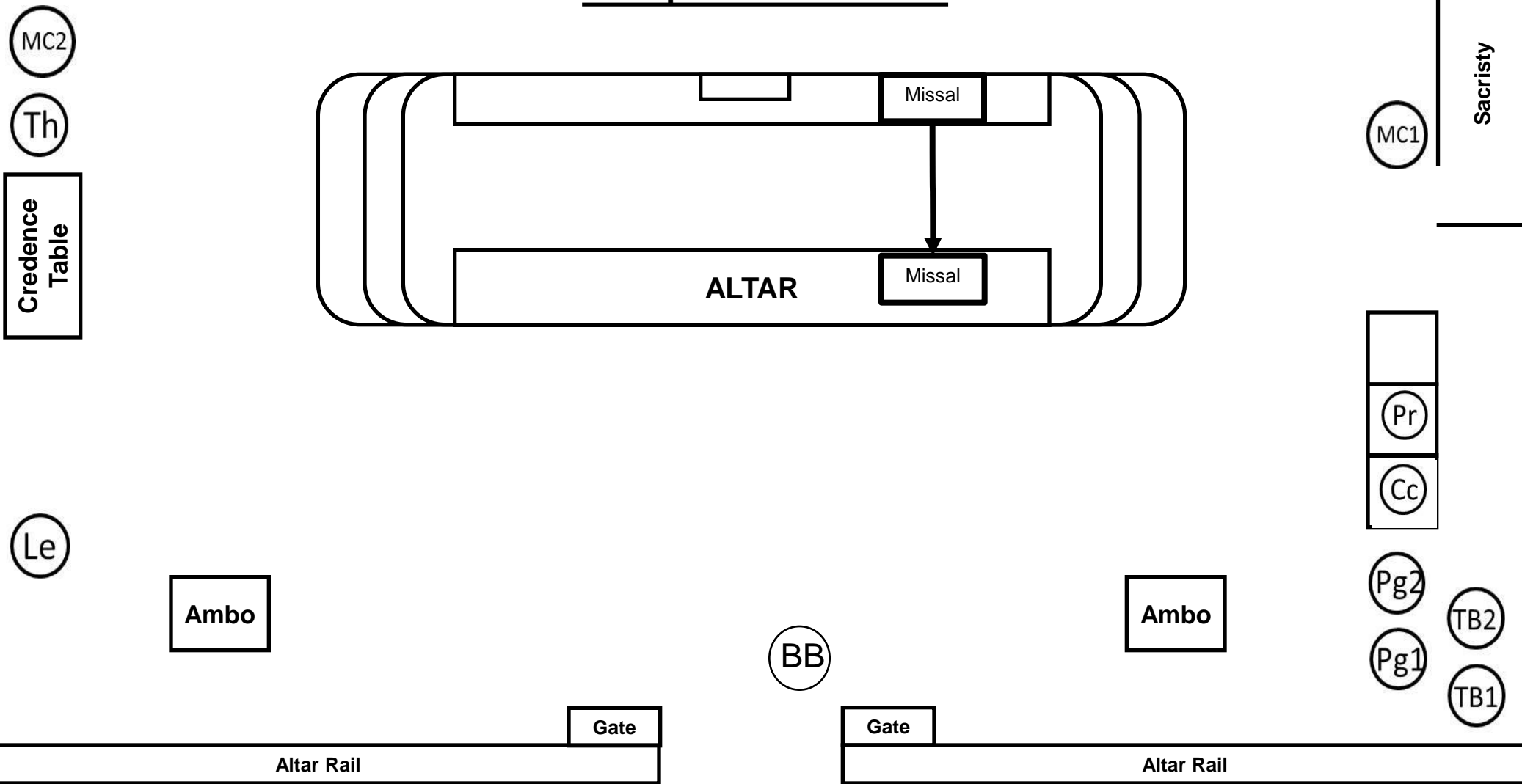
1. Just before end of Creed, BB gets notebook with petitions and stands in front of Pr.
2. BB returns to position after Universal Prayer is over.

RECEPTION AND PREPARATION

OF THE GIFTS

The sacred elements for the sacrifice (i.e., the bread and wine) and the offerings are brought to the sanctuary by representatives of the people. This signifies the participation of the entire People of God in the Eucharistic Sacrifice. Furthermore, it signifies that with Jesus, we are offering our very lives to God in gratitude for all He has done for us.

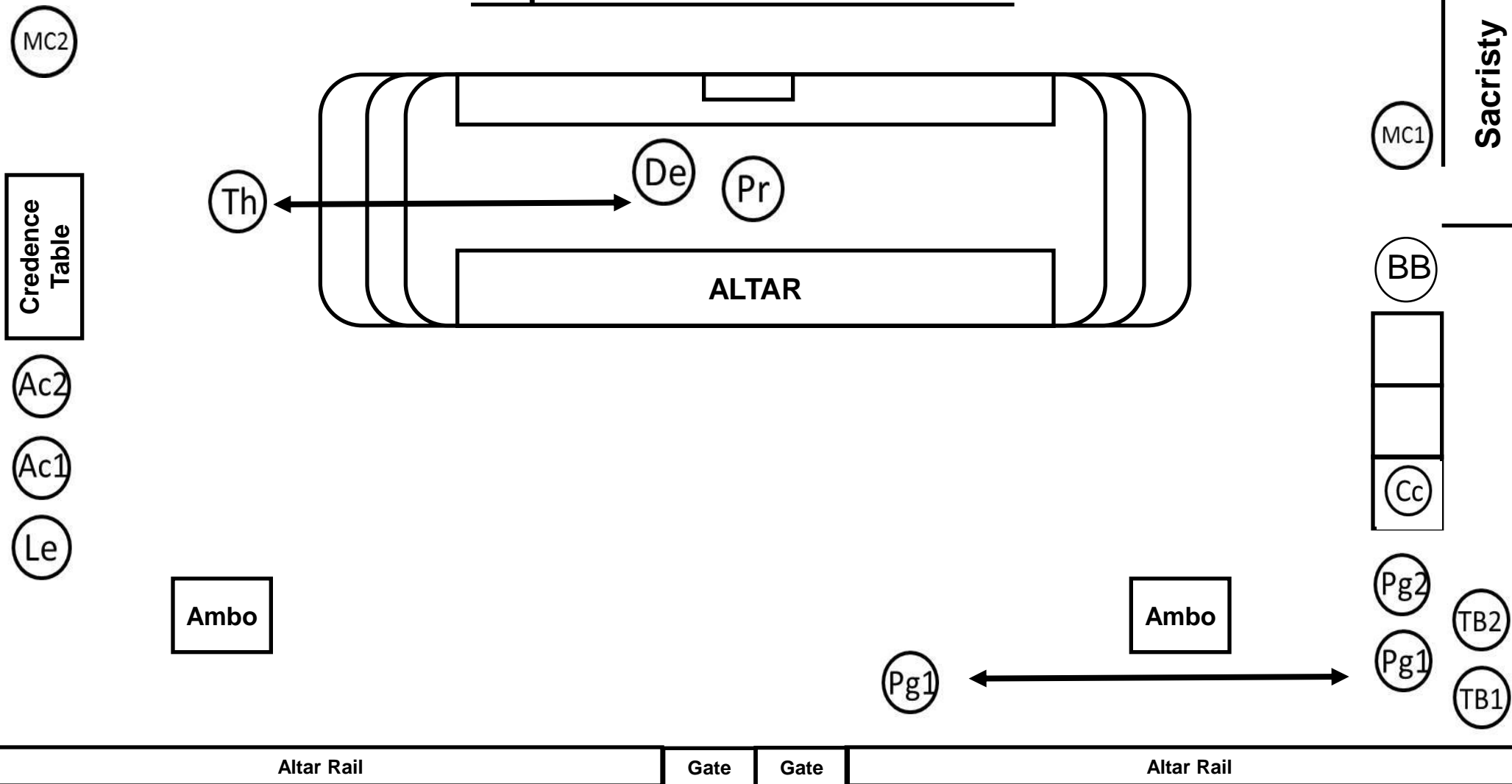
Reception of the Gifts



Notes:

1. Servers place Sacred Vessels and Missal on Altar while ushers are taking up collection.
2. De receives gifts from people with Ac's and BB.
3. Cruets are taken to Credence Table and Ciborium to altar.
4. BB takes offering basket to sacristy.

Preparation of Altar and Incense



Sacristy

Altar Rail

Gate

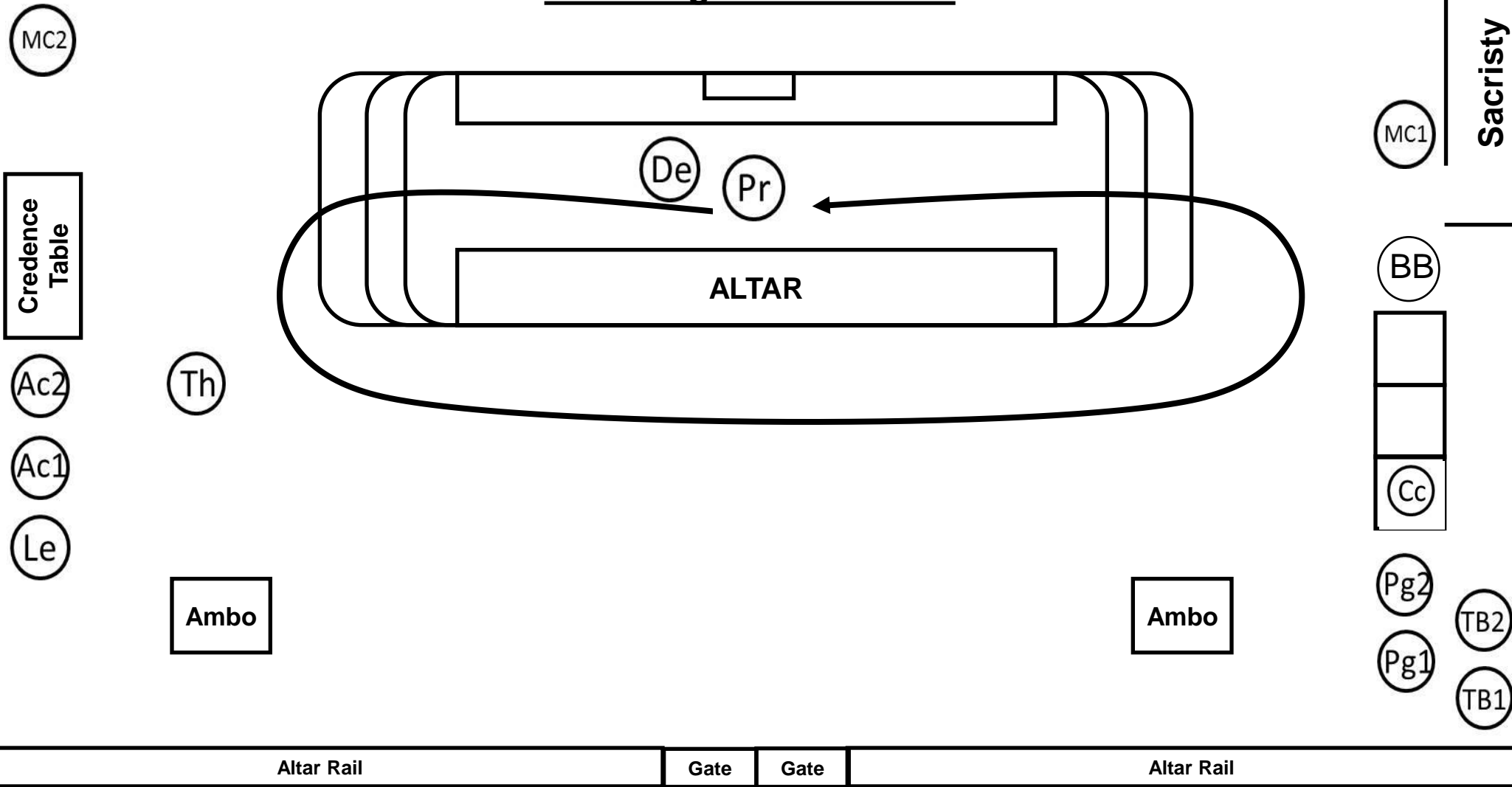
Gate

Altar Rail

Notes:

1. Pg1 closes gates while De prepares altar for Pr.
2. After Pr prepares bread and wine, Th IMMEDIATELY brings thurible and incense boat to Pr.
3. Deacon assists Pr in preparing incense.
4. After incense prepared, Th hands thurible to Pr and IMMEDIATELY goes back down to wait for De.

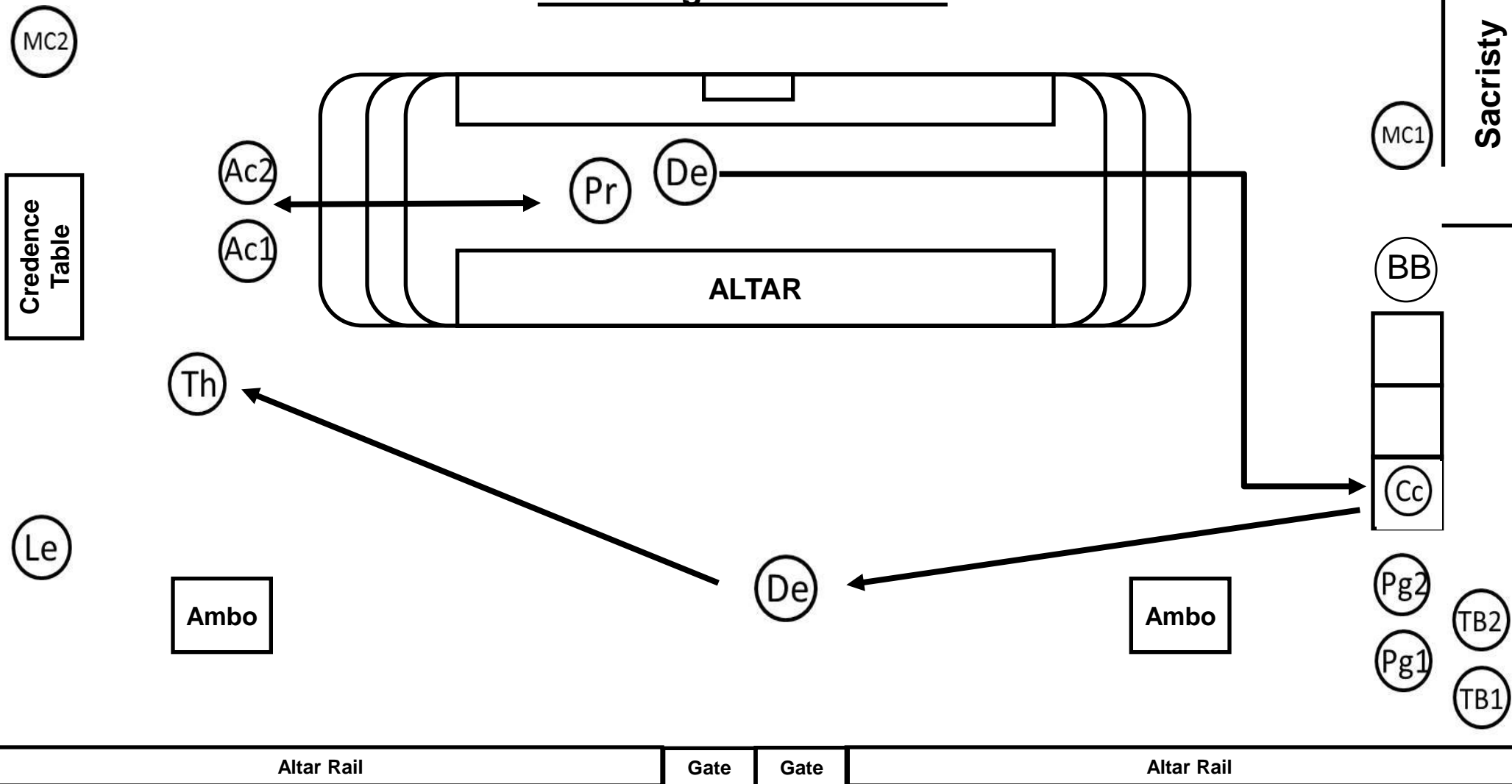
Incensing of the Gifts #1



Notes:

- 1. Pr incenses gifts, altar and crucifix.

Incensing of the Gifts #2



Sacristy

Altar Rail

Gate

Gate

Altar Rail

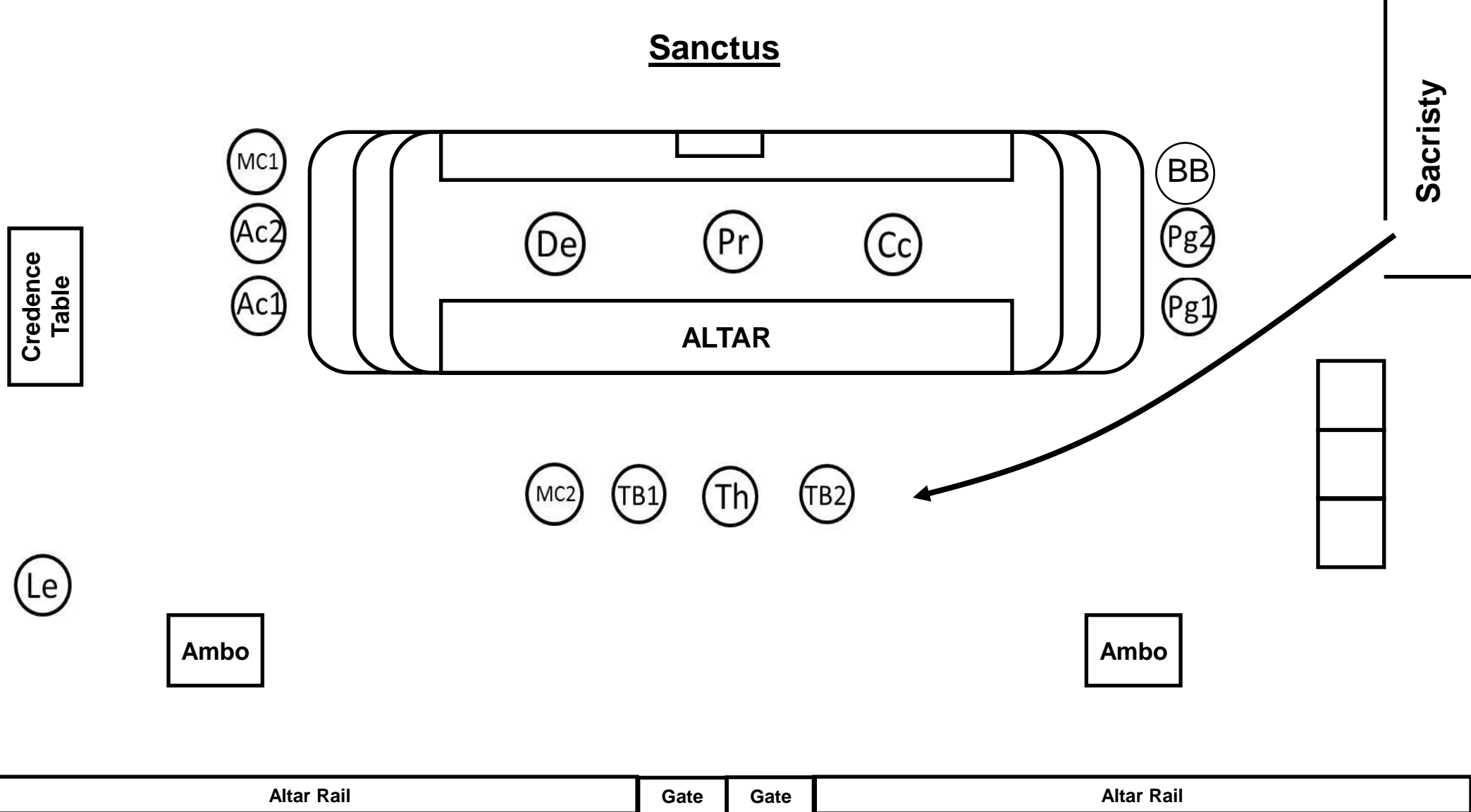
Notes:

1. De incenses Pr.
2. After Pr is incensed, AC and Pg bring lavabo bowl, water and towel to Pr for purification of his hands.
3. During this time De incenses any Cc and then the people.
4. De returns thurible to Th.
5. Th, MC1, TB1, TB2 go to Sacristy to prepare torches and incense for consecration

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS **AND COMMUNION**

The Holy Sacrifice is the most sacred part of the Mass. Our Lord's Sacrifice on Calvary is miraculously made present to us (re-presented). The Priest, acting *in persona Christi* (in the person of Christ), consecrates the sacred elements which become the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Our Lord (cf. transubstantiation). During this part of the Mass we adore Our Lord on our knees, we remember His great sacrifice, and we prepare to receive him into our own bodies (i.e., commune with Him) in a most intimate union of our humanity with His divinity.

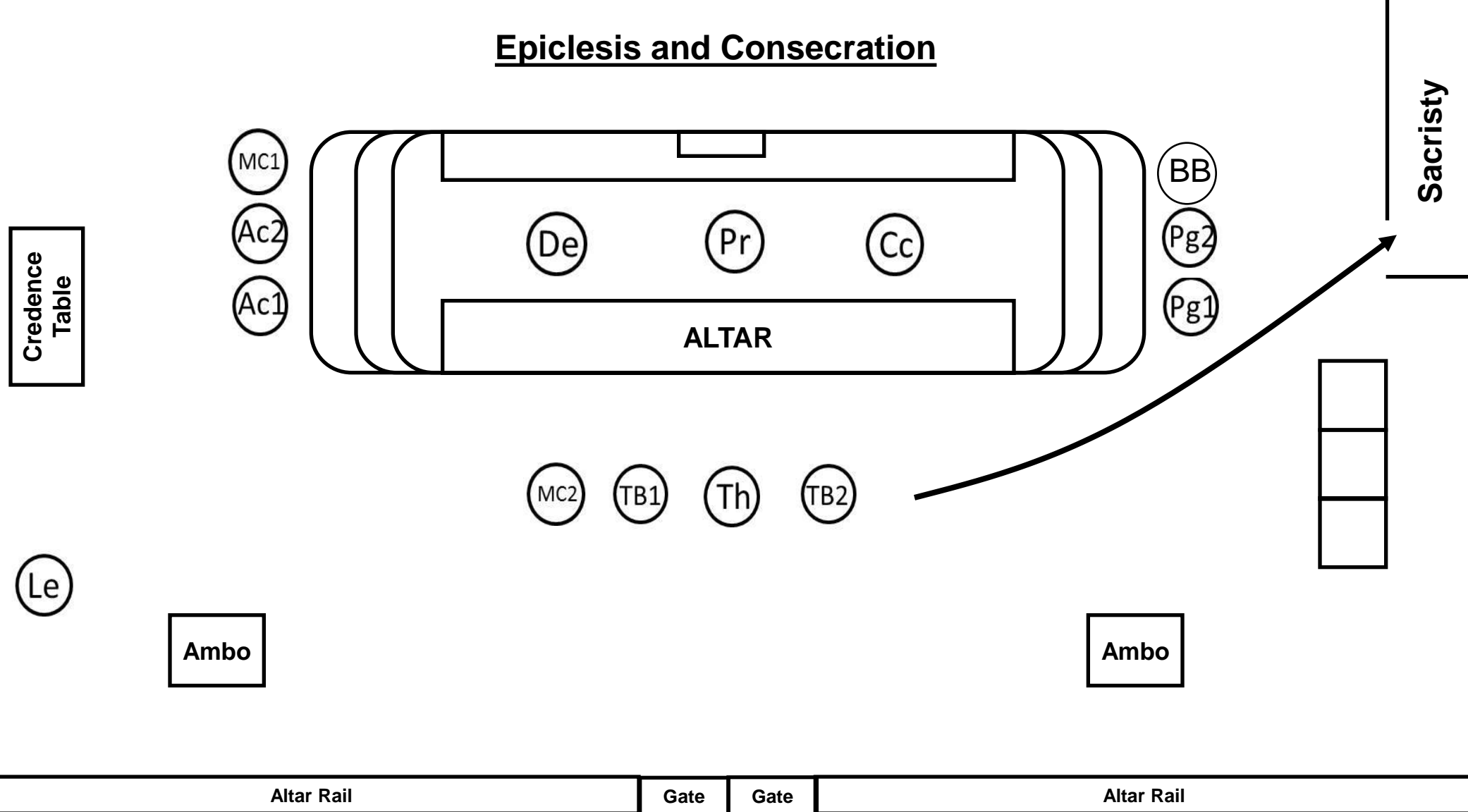
Sanctus



Notes:

1. At the BEGINNING of the Sanctus, MC2, TB1, Th, TB2 exit Sacristy and get in position with Th directly in front of Pr
2. Kneel with congregation at the end of Sanctus

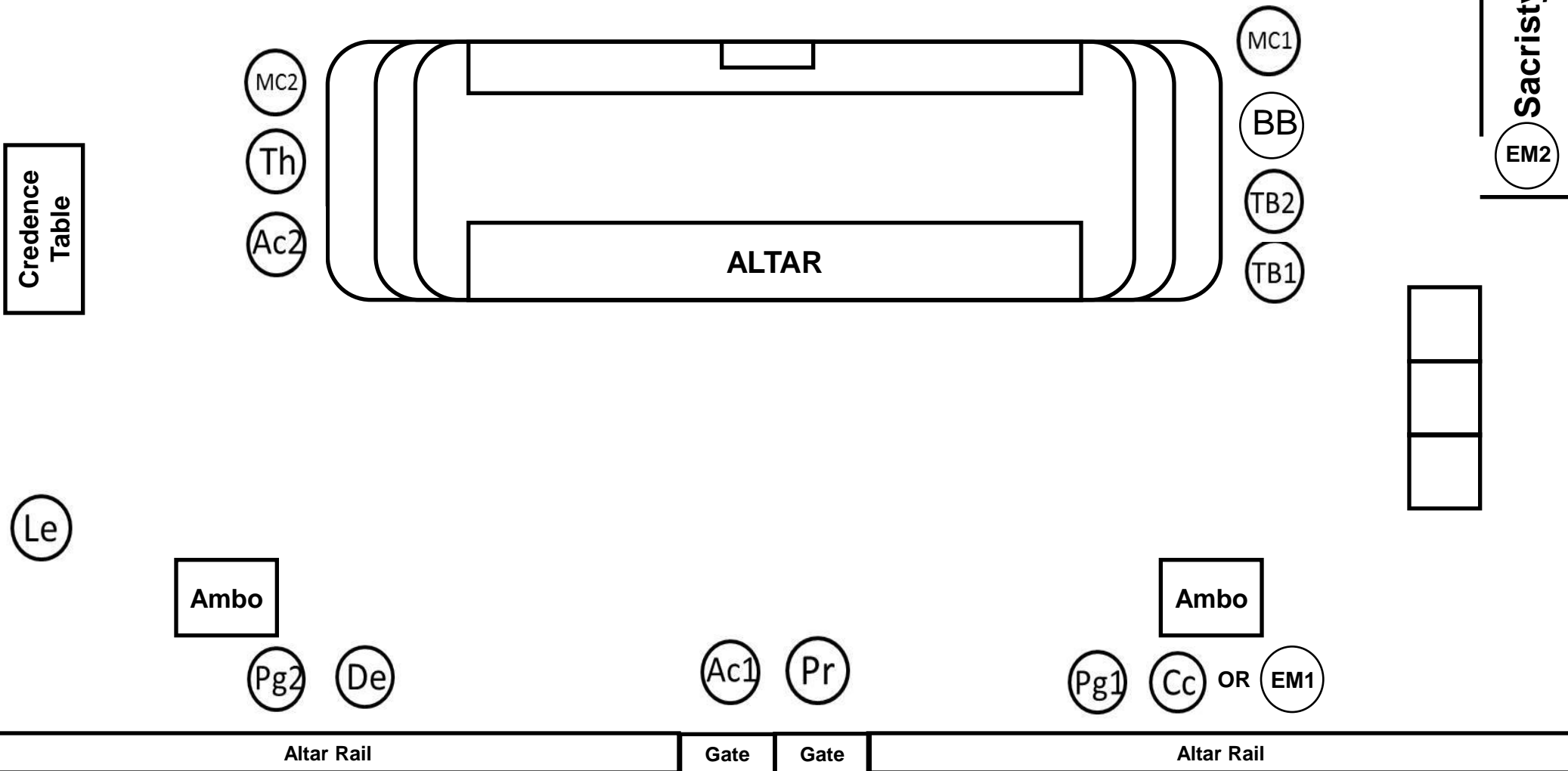
Epiclesis and Consecration



Notes:

1. At Epiclesis, bells are rung a single time.
2. At elevation of Host and again at the elevation of Precious Blood bells are rung 3 times during each elevation.
3. At each elevation Th incenses with 3 double-swings
4. AFTER the great Amen, MC2 TB1, TB2, Th stand and return to Sacristy

Communion



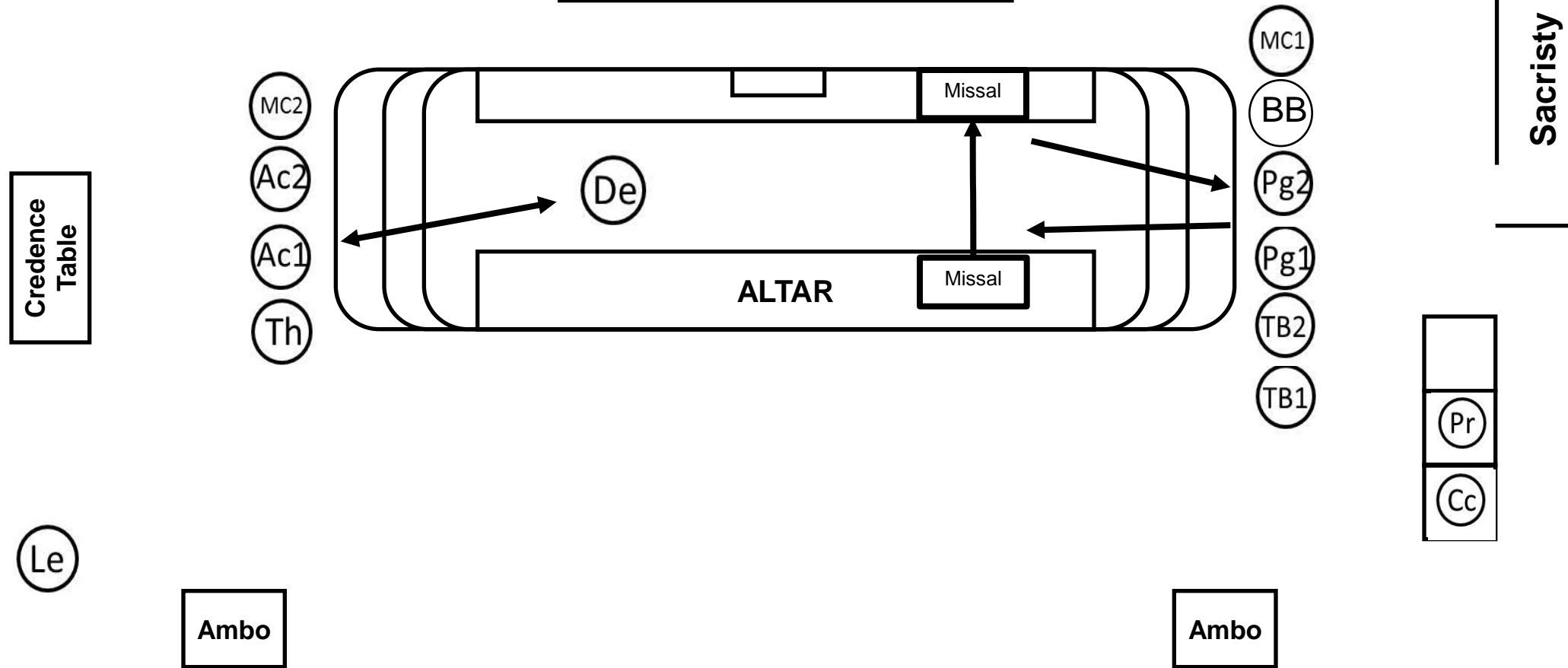
Notes:

1. One altar boy (Gospel side) and two altar boys (Epistle side) take patens and accompany Pr, CC or EM1, and De in distributing Communion.
2. EM2 takes Communion to Choir.

PURIFICATION OF **THE SACRED VESSELS**

The sacred vessels are purified to ensure no fragment or part of our Lord's body and blood remain in the sacred vessels. Every fragment of Our Lord's body, every drop of His blood is precious and we want to make sure neither is inadvertently lost or treated without due reverence.

Purification of the Vessels



Altar Rail

Gate

Gate

Altar Rail

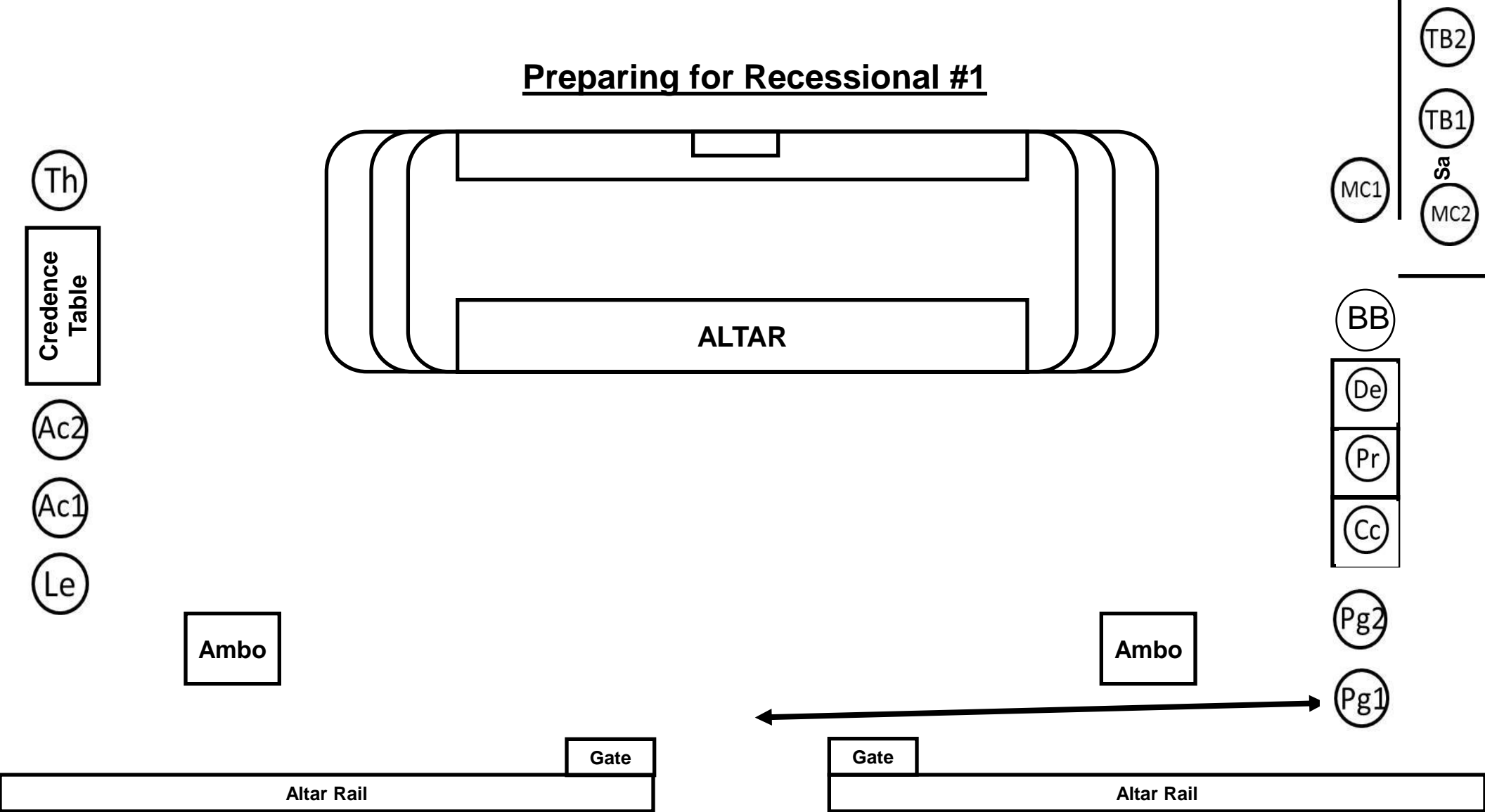
Notes:

1. While De is purifying vessels, server from Epistle side gets Missal from altar of sacrifice and puts it on altar of repose, server on Gospel side gets patens.
2. Server gets sacred vessels from De after they are purified.
3. After De goes to seat, all servers stand, go to seats, and sit in unison.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION **AND RECESSIONAL**

Having received Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist, we have received our “food for the journey” which strengthens and enables us to live lives worthy of our calling. Rejoicing and praising God, we leave the sacred space to retake our place in the world and be a holy example and witness – evangelists for Our Lord to everyone we meet by what we say, what we do, and who we are! We are proud to be Catholic and want everyone to join us and share the joy we have in being a Child of God!

Preparing for Recessional #1

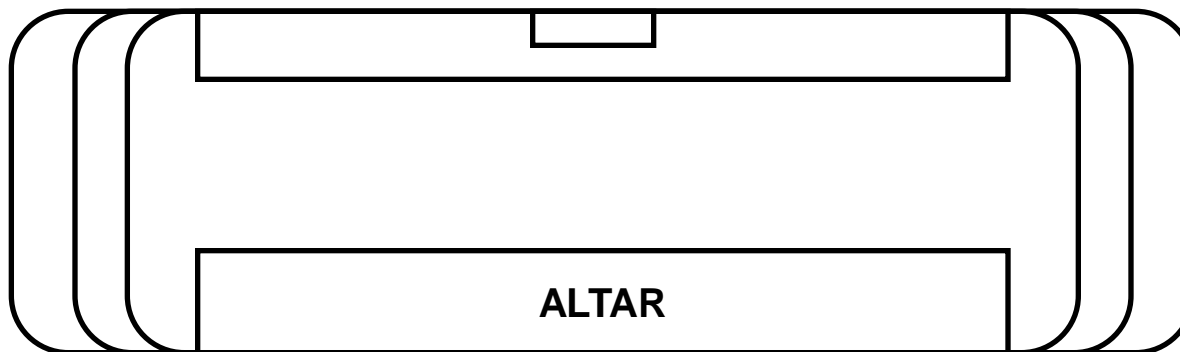


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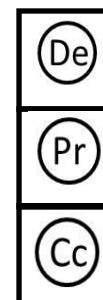
1. Pg1 opens gates.
2. Pr says "Let us pray" and all stand.
3. MC2 and TBs go to sacristy to light torches.
4. Pr prays Prayer after Communion and final hymn begins.

Preparing for Recessional #2

Credence
Table



Sacristy



Ambo

MC1

Ambo

Gate

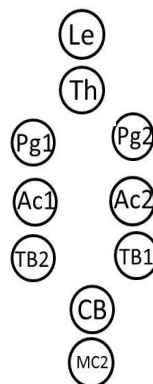
Altar Rail

Gate

Altar Rail

Notes:

1. AS SOON AS THE HYMN BEGINS Altar Boys form procession in aisle beyond the Altar Rail.
2. Th does NOT carry thurible or boat out.
3. MC2 directs and positions Altar Boys as needed.
4. After assembled, TURN AND FACE ALTAR.
5. MC1 remains in sanctuary and faces altar.

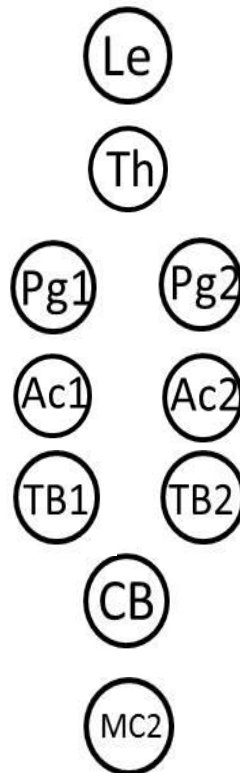


Everyone is facing altar!!

Preparing for Recessional #3

ALTAR

Procession
direction after Pr
genuflects and
recessional begins

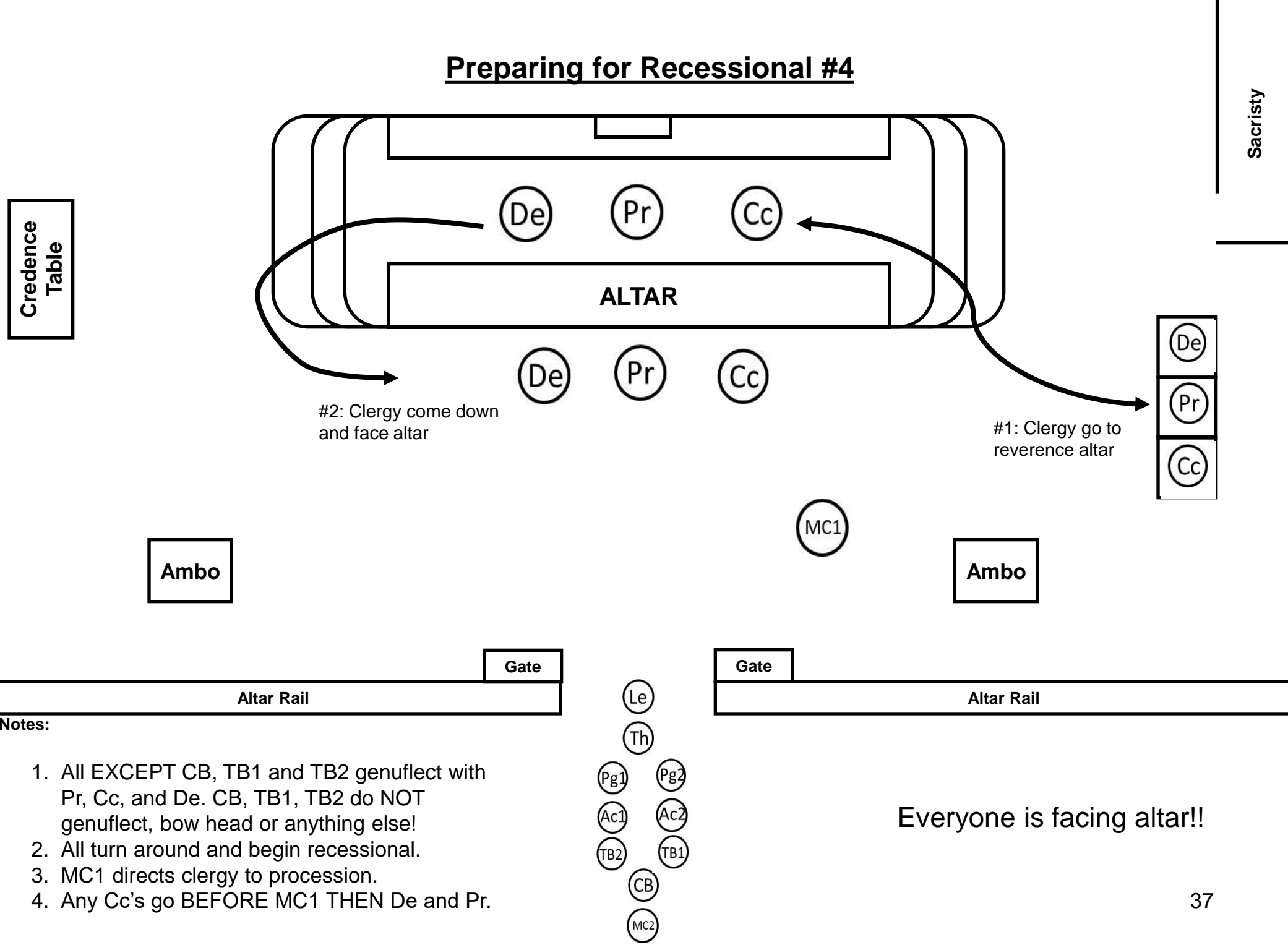


Altar Boy positions in
aisle.



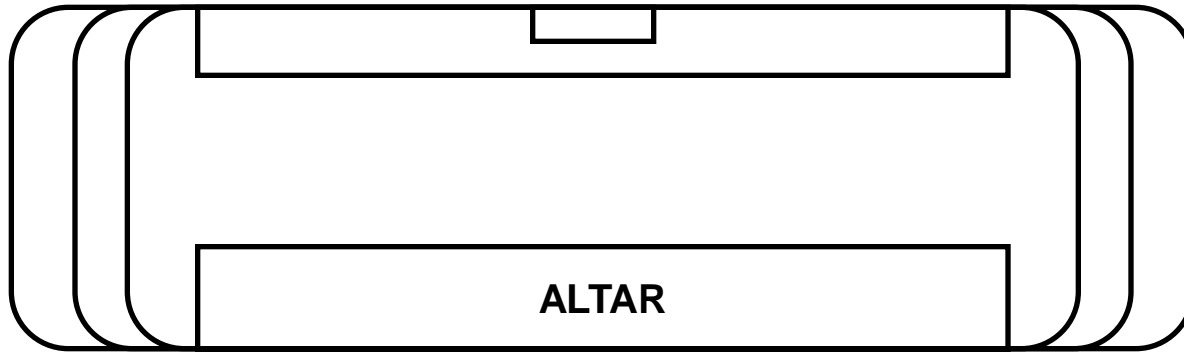
At this point, all are facing
altar.

Preparing for Recessional #4

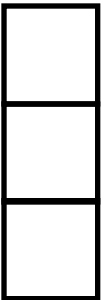


Recessional

Credence
Table



Sacristy



Ambo

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De Pr

MC1

Cc

Le

Th

Ac1

Pg1

Gate

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Notes:

1. NOTE: Cc's go BEFORE MC1!
2. The pace of the recessional should be stately and dignified, we are not in a rush!

MAY GOD RICHLY BLESS YOU
FOR SERVING HIM WORTHILY AT
HIS MOST HOLY ALTAR!



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