

Church Hierarchy: Priest, Deacon, Acolyte (2nd Half of the 16th Century)

Abstract

The image depicts a priest, a deacon, and an acolyte. The secular priest (second from left) carries a monstrance, a vessel for displaying consecrated bread; the deacon follows with a bell; and the acolyte carries a light and holy water with an aspergillum for blessing the faithful. Woodcut by Tobias Stimmer (1539-1584) and L. Fly, second half of the 16th century.

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