

FUNERAL PLANNING FORM



This form is to assist you either in pre-planning your own funeral, or preparing for the funeral of a loved one who has recently died. It should be completed under the guidance of your parish priest. The priest may need to make pastoral or theological judgments which take precedence over the wishes designated in this form.

Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Immediate Family Members _____

BURIAL

Have you purchased burial rights in a cemetery?

No Yes

Which one? _____

The Catholic Church has always preferred traditional burial over cremation, as it better expresses the reverence and beliefs we hold regarding the human body. Although cremation is now permitted by the Church, it does not enjoy the same value as burial of the body. Anyone choosing cremation should understand that whenever possible, the body should be present in a casket for the funeral liturgy. In addition, cremated remains must be buried or entombed in a mausoleum.

Traditional burial (in a casket) Cremation

Clothes to be buried in: _____

VIGIL (WAKE)

Do you wish to have a vigil (wake) prior to the funeral liturgy?

The priest prepares a simple prayer service with Scripture and prayers for the person who has died. Additional elements may be included in the vigil. Designate any which are preferred:

Rosary Eulogy — given by: _____
 Sharing of Memories _____
 Display of Memorabilia Other: _____
 Video/Slideshow _____

FUNERAL LITURGY

The funeral should usually be a Mass because the Mass is the most powerful prayer we are able to offer for those who have died. It is also the closest possible way for us to be united with those who have died. However, for pastoral reasons, the funeral liturgy may be celebrated outside of the context of a Mass.

Do you wish to celebrate a funeral Mass?

Name of church: _____

Pall Bearers:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Please speak with your parish priest regarding appropriate readings and hymns for your funeral Mass.

Scripture Readings:

1st Reading (OT except during Easter) _____

2nd Reading (NT) _____

Responsorial Psalm: _____

Gospel: _____

Music selection:

Entrance hymn: _____

Offertory hymn: _____

Communion hymn: _____

Song of farewell: _____

Recessional hymn: _____