

## Funeral Preparation Guidelines

Cremation \_\_\_\_\_ or Burial \_\_\_\_\_

If burial, details on clothing to use? \_\_\_\_\_

If burial, include jewelry (ring; watch; etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_

Cemetery \_\_\_\_\_

Prepaid? Y/N      Plot Location/Details: \_\_\_\_\_

Headstone/Marker

Prepaid Y/N

Requested Details (scripture verse; nickname; title, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Funeral Home Preference \_\_\_\_\_

Prepaid? Y/N

Obituary

Particular Newspapers to run obit? \_\_\_\_\_

Particular points to include in obit? \_\_\_\_\_

Visitation Y/N

If visitation, at funeral home or church? \_\_\_\_\_

If visitation, immediately before a service, or the evening before? \_\_\_\_\_

If visitation, rosary? Y/N

If visitation, evening prayer rite for Gathering in the Presence of the Body? Y/N

If visitation, eulogies or allotted time for speakers? Y/N

If visitation, receiving line? Y/N

Mass

If cremation...

Have body/casket for Funeral Mass before cremation occurs Y/N

If so, placing of the pall done by whom? (family; priest; funeral home)? \_\_\_\_\_

Wait to have Funeral Mass until cremains can be present Y/N

Have Memorial Mass (body absent) if interferes with timeframe for cremation Y/N

If burial...

Placing of the Pall done by whom (family; priest; funeral home)? \_\_\_\_\_

Pall bearers Y/N

If so, who? \_\_\_\_\_

Readers

Selected by family? \_\_\_\_\_ (If not, readers will be provided by the church)

Gift Bearers

Selected by family? \_\_\_\_\_ (If not, gift bearers will be provided by the church)

(Mass cont.)

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Trained friends/family? \_\_\_\_\_ (If not, ministers will be provided by the church)

If there is a Book of Remembrance or a Book of the Dead, is there a person you would like to sign your name Y/N

If yes, who? \_\_\_\_\_

Readings\*:

Old Testament Reading (Optional)

Responsorial Psalm

New Testament Reading (Optional)

Gospel Reading

*\*Note: Only one reading before the Psalm and Gospel is required (an Old Testament **or** non-Gospel New Testament). One from each (an Old Testament **and** non-Gospel New Testament) is also permitted.*

Prayers of the Faithful:

Particular groups to pray for Y/N

If so, for whom? (e.g., military, health care workers) \_\_\_\_\_

Surviving family members to pray for: \_\_\_\_\_

Deceased family members to pray for: \_\_\_\_\_

Music:\*

Opening Hymn: \_\_\_\_\_

Preparation of the Gifts: (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Communion Song: \_\_\_\_\_

Post-Communion Song: (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Closing Hymn: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Note: Silence or instrumental music is also acceptable in some places. Some music also fits better at different places in the liturgy. The funeral coordinator can assist with music placement.*

Post-Mass

Funeral luncheon Y/N

If so, immediately after Mass or after interment/burial? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, off-site or at church? \_\_\_\_\_

Military Honors Y/N

If so, at the conclusion of Mass or at the graveside? \_\_\_\_\_

If crucifix to distribute at graveside, who should receive it? \_\_\_\_\_