

Planning Form for Priests Funeral Rites – Appendix 408A

INTRODUCTION

Christians celebrate the funeral rites to offer worship, praise, and thanksgiving to God for the gift of a life which has now been returned to God, the author of life and the hope of the just. The Mass, the memorial of Christ's death and resurrection, is the principal celebration of the Christian funeral. (OCF # 5)

The Church through its funeral rites commends the dead to God's merciful love and pleads for the forgiveness of their sins. At the funeral rites, especially at the celebration of the Eucharistic sacrifice, the Christian community affirms and expresses the union of the Church on earth with the Church in heaven in one great communion of saints. Though separated from the living, the dead are still at one with the community of believers on earth and benefit from their prayers and intercession. (OCF #6)

The celebration of the Christian funeral brings hope and consolation to the living. While proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ and witnessing to Christian hope in the resurrection, the funeral rites also recall to all who take part in them God's mercy and judgment and meet the human need to turn always to God in times of crisis. (OCF #7)

The celebrant of the funeral Mass of a diocesan priest is normally the Bishop of the Diocese. Ideally, this Mass is celebrated in the Cathedral Church.

In the celebration of the funeral rites, lay men and women may serve as readers, musicians, ushers, pallbearers and, according to existing norms, as special ministers of the Eucharist. (OCF #15)

In every celebration for the dead, the Church attaches great importance to the readings of the word of God. The readings proclaim to the assembly the paschal mystery, teach remembrance of the dead, convey the hope of being gathered together again in God's kingdom and encourage the witness of Christian life. Above all, the readings tell of God's design for a world in which suffering and death will relinquish their hold on all whom God has called his own. (OCF #22)

A brief homily based on the readings is always given after the gospel reading at the funeral liturgy and may also be given after the readings at the vigil service; but there is never to be a eulogy. Attentive to the grief of those present, the homilist should dwell on God's compassionate love and on the paschal mystery of the Lord, as proclaimed in the Scripture readings. (OCF #27) Normally, the homily is given by the celebrant.

Music is integral to the funeral rites. (OCF #30) An organist or other instrumentalist, a cantor, and, whenever possible, even a choir should assist the assembly's full participation in singing the songs, responses, and acclamations of these rites. (OCF #33)

Deceased Information

Name of Deceased _____

Family Contact Information

Contact Person _____ Relationship _____

Telephone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Funeral Home Contact Information

Name of Funeral Home _____

Phone # _____

Contact Person _____

VIGIL FOR THE DECEASED

The Vigil for the Deceased is the principal rite celebrated by the Christian community in the time following death and before the funeral liturgy. It may take the form either of a liturgy of the word or some part of the office of the dead. (OCF #82)

VIGIL PRAYERS

Location (Funeral Home/Church) _____

Time of Visitation _____ Time of Service _____

Presider for the Vigil 1 _____

Normally, the Archbishop is not the Presider for the Vigil 2 _____

3 _____

Other Liturgical Requests (Rosary, etc.) _____

Music _____

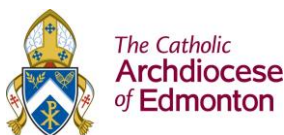
Please indicate your preference:

Liturgy of the Word

- A Awaiting the Lord's Coming
- B God is Faithful
- C Life is Changed, Not Ended
- D I Am the Resurrection and the Life
- E Our Eternal Home
- F I Am the Light of the World
- G Our Hope of Glory
- H God's Faithful Will Live Forever
- I God Is With Us

Evening Prayer

- J In Praise of God's Love
- K Longing for God



VIGIL FOR THE DECEASED: ORDER OF SERVICE

VIGIL SERVICES [A-I] (Liturgy of the Word)

Introductory Rites

Sign of the Cross
Greeting A B
Opening Song _____
Invitation to Prayer
Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading _____ Reader _____
Responsorial Psalm _____ Cantor _____
Gospel _____
Homily

Universal Prayer

Universal Prayer _____ Read by _____
The Lord's Prayer
Concluding Prayer A B

A family member or friend may speak in remembrance of the deceased.

Concluding Rite

Responsory
Blessing A B
Closing Song _____

VIGIL SERVICES [J-K] (Evening Prayer)

Introductory Verse
Hymn _____
Psalm A B
Reading _____ Reader _____
Canticle of Mary
Universal Prayer _____ Read by _____
The Lord's Prayer
Concluding Prayer A B
Dismissal

FUNERAL MASS

Day _____ Time _____

Church/Location St. Joseph's Basilica, Edmonton
 Other _____
Please indicate church/location

Main Celebrant Archbishop
If Archbishop is unavailable
1 _____
2 _____

Concelebrant(s)
1 _____
2 _____
3 _____

Master of Ceremonies Archdiocesan MC
Deacon Assistant _____

Leader of Song _____ Organist _____

Pallbearers _____

Other Instructions/Preferences

FUNERAL MASS: ORDER OF SERVICE

Introductory Rites

Sign of the Cross
Greeting
(Sprinkling with Holy Water)
Processional Hymn _____
(Penitential Rite)
Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading _____ Reader _____
Responsorial Psalm _____
Second Reading _____ Reader _____
Gospel Acclamation _____
Gospel _____
Homily _____
Universal Prayer A B C Read by _____

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Presentation of the Gifts _____
Gift Bearer 1 _____
Gift Bearer 2 _____

Acclamations
Holy, Holy, Holy _____
Memorial Acclamation _____
Amen _____
Lamb of God _____
Communion Procession _____
Hymn 1 _____
Hymn 2 _____

Final Commendation

Invitation to Prayer
(Signs of Farewell)
Song of Farewell _____
Prayer of Commendation _____
Recessional _____

Procession to Place of Committal



RITE OF COMMITTAL

The Rite of Committal, the conclusion of the funeral rites, is the final act of the community of faith in caring for the body of its deceased member. (OCF #377)

RITE OF COMMITTAL

Place of Committal Holy Cross Cemetery

If other, please specify _____

Presider 1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

RITE OF COMMITTAL: ORDER OF SERVICE

In the Rite of Committal, a hymn or liturgical song that affirms hope in God's mercy and in the resurrection of the dead is desirable at the conclusion of the rite. (OCF #388)

Invitation

Scripture Verse A B C D

Prayer over the Place of Committal A B C D E F

Committal A B

Universal Prayer A B

The Lord's Prayer

Concluding Prayer A B C D E F

Prayer Over the People

Responsory

Blessing A B

