

Funeral Planning Sheet

Full Name of Deceased: _____

Date of Funeral: _____ **Place of Funeral:** _____

Family Contact: _____ **Tel. #:** _____

A. The Funeral Pall: Members of the family, friends, or pallbearers may place the pall on the casket. The white funeral pall reminds us that the deceased was given the promise of eternal life at Baptism.

B. Liturgy of the Word: Family or friends are encouraged to do these readings. The Word of God brings hope and consolation. At the Funeral Mass we have three readings from the bible: the Old Testament, the New Testament and the Gospel (chosen and read by the priest). The Old Testament and the New Testament readings may be chosen from the Funeral Book provided to you by the funeral director.

1. Old Testament Reading # _____

Read by: _____ Relation to the deceased: _____

2. New Testament Reading # _____

Read by: _____ Relation to the deceased: _____

C. Prayer of the Faithful: Prayer of intercession are offered for the deceased, for the family, all who mourn, and for all gathered for the funeral Mass. You may have someone read these prayers, or the priest will offer them on the family's behalf after the homily.

Read by: _____ Relation to the deceased: _____

D. Offertory Gift Bearers: Family members or friends are invited to carry up the gifts of bread and wine. This is another liturgical expression of love for the deceased. Usually 2 gifts are brought to the altar.

Gift Bearers: _____

E. Words of Remembrance: At the conclusion of the mass, one family member or friend can say a few words in remembrance of the deceased. We ask that the speaker prepare and write out those remarks in advance and keep them to less than five minutes in length. It is important that the remarks focus on God, prayer and the faith of the life of the deceased. Please see the priest for guidance when preparing these important words.

Read by: _____ Relation to the deceased: _____

F. Music Selection: Music is an intergral part of worship during the Funeral Mass and can be helpful to the grieving process. Secular music is not appropriate for the Funeral Mass but may be suitable for the Wake Service, the Committal at the cemetery or the reception following the Funeral.

1. **Entrance Hymn:** _____

2. **Responsorial Psalm Hymn:** _____

3. **Offertory Hymn:** _____

4. **Communion Hymn:** _____

5. **Closing Hymn:** _____