

St. Denis Parish Community

Funeral Liturgy Planning Sheet

(To be given to the Bereavement Minister or Parish Office)

Name of Deceased: _____ **Nickname:** _____

Family Contact Person: (Please indicate relationship) _____

Address : _____

Telephone: _____

Other Immediate Family: _____

Date and Time of Funeral: _____ **Funeral Director** _____

Priest Celebrant: _____

(If there are visiting clergy, or a specific Parish Priest is requested)

Will You be preparing a Booklet for the Funeral Liturgy? Yes _____ No _____

- 1. Placing of Pall at Funeral Liturgy** (*At the beginning of the liturgy, following the blessing with holy water, a large white cloth representing the baptismal garment, will be placed over the casket. Family members are invited and encouraged to assist in this action. Please indicate your preference.*)

_____ Yes, family members will assist in placing the pall.

_____ No

- 2. Selection of Scripture Readings** (*Please review the booklet of readings and choose one from the Old Testament for the First Reading and one from the New Testament for the Second Reading. Also, please indicate who will be reading.*)

Old Testament (1st) # _____ Citation _____ Reader _____

A Psalm will be sung between the Old and New Testament readings. This is normally selected by the Director of Music; however, if there is a preference, please indicate: _____

New Testament (2nd) # _____ Citation _____ Reader _____

N.B. *The priest will normally select the Gospel reading. If you have a preference, please indicate:*

- 3. General Intercessions** (*Please review the booklet of readings and choose which setting you would prefer for the General Intercessions, which are read after the homily. Also, please indicate who will be reading the intercessions.*)

Setting # _____ Reader _____

- 4. Presentation of the Gifts** (*At a Funeral Mass, two members of the family are asked to assist in bringing forward the gifts of bread and wine for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The gifts will be on a table near the Baptismal Font.*)

_____ Yes, two family members will bring the gifts forward.

- 5. Selection of Hymns** (*St. Denis Parish Community provides the music for the funeral liturgies. An organist and a leader of song/cantor are provided. Occasionally, a family may want to have a leader of song/cantor of their choosing sing at the Mass. We respectfully ask that Mr. Ralph Purri be contacted at the Parish Office, if a leader of song/cantor of your choice is desired. It is best to speak with Mr. Purri before any arrangements with another leader of song/cantor are made. If you have a particular hymn selections, please indicate them below. For your information and review, please review the Hymn List and then notate your choices.*)

Entrance Hymn: _____

Offertory Hymn: _____

Communion Hymn: _____

Hymn of Praise: _____

Recessional Hymn: _____

6. Guidelines regarding “Words of Remembrance”

- A. The Order of Christian Funerals provides for the possibility of “a member or a friend of the family speak in remembrance of the deceased before the final commendation begins.” [no.197]
- B. As with the homily, these “words of remembrance” are not to constitute a eulogy as such. Rather, they are to express appreciation for the life of the deceased, or take the form of a prayer or other inspirational text.
- C. Only one family member or friend is to speak, and he or she is to be brief, speaking no more than three minutes.
- D. Because of the intensity of the emotions at the time of a Funeral, it is suggested that the “words of remembrance” be consigned to writing. To ensure that these words are in harmony with the celebration, the text should be given to the priest celebrant in advance of the Funeral liturgy, so that he can make any suitable suggestions to help the “words of remembrance” convey the consolation of God’s love, grace, and mercy. These words, then, are intended to particularize the praise and gratitude to God for His gifts to the deceased, especially in the gift of the Christian life.

Please note that those, who wish to give a eulogy or to share a story about the deceased, more fittingly do so during the Viewing/Wake at the Funeral Home, or following the prayers at the cemetery. Also, a biography of the deceased could be included in the Mass booklet if one is prepared for the funeral liturgy.

_____ Yes, there will be Words of Remembrance. It will be given by _____

_____ No, there will be no Words of Remembrance.

7. Brief Biography:
