

All Saints' Roman Catholic Church

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Deceased Person: _____

Date of Funeral: _____ Time: _____

Officiating Priest or Deacon: _____

Family Contact: _____

PLACING OF THE PALL / CROSS / BIBLE

The pall is the white cloth that covers the casket during a Catholic funeral. The pall recalls the white garment worn by Catholic Christians at the time of one's baptism. It may be placed on the casket by family members or friends.

Names of those placing the pall:

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE – Eulogy – Guidelines also on page 7

The best place for a eulogy **is not in the church**, but at the Prayer Service (Vigil Service) on the day or evening before the funeral. But if you wish to remember your loved one at the Funeral Liturgy, please advise the priest at the time of planning the funeral. You may select one person to speak briefly at the beginning of the Mass.

If a eulogy is to be given, it must be brief (2-3 minutes) and must be submitted in writing to the priest **at least 24 hours in advance** of its deliverance. The priest is the guardian of the sacred liturgy and needs to care for the integrity of the service and the reputation of the deceased. He has the right to edit or reject a suggested eulogy.

A eulogy should not be more than one typed page. It should concentrate upon the life of the loved one, highlighting his or her virtues and qualities. Good taste and good humor are appropriate. It should concentrate on **family, friends and faith**.

Unlike the homily, which is delivered by an ordained priest or deacon at the funeral and pertains particularly to matters of faith and our common hope in the resurrection, the eulogy is not a time to quote scripture, to preach, instruct others in Christian living, or even to offer prayers. The eulogy is not an opportunity for a friend or family member to preach about their particular faith and beliefs, call others to conversion, or evangelize.

Words of Remembrance Yes _____ No _____ Name _____

FIRST READING (*Begin on page 8*)

The first reading is usually taken from the Old Testament. Please choose one reading from the section marked with the letter "R" and indicate who will read the Scripture passage.

Selection **R** _____ Read by _____

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Page 23)

Selection _____ Sung by Cantor

SECOND READING

The second reading is always taken from the New Testament. Please choose one reading from the section marked with the letter "S" and indicate who will read the Scripture passage.

Selection **S** _____ Read by _____

GOSPEL READING

The Gospel reading is chosen from Matthew, Mark, Luke or John and is read by the priest or deacon during the funeral. **The Priest will choose one reading from the section marked with the letter "G".**

Selection **G** _____ Read by the priest or deacon.

INTERCESSIONS – Prayers of the Faithful (Begin on page 16)

Selection _____ Read by _____

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Names of those presenting gifts:

MUSIC SELECTIONS: (pages 23 -24)

Please indicate if you want an Organist: Yes _____ No _____

Please indicate if you want a Cantor: Yes _____ No _____

Entrance _____

Offertory _____

Communion _____

Last Farewell _____

Departure from Church _____

Other special requests:

(If Ave Maria is a special request, please indicate it here. Normally, it is sung **at the offertory or after the communion hymn**).