

## Funeral Planning Worksheet

We know during this most difficult time, our grief keeps us from thinking of funeral plans. We will gladly provide what is needed for your loved one's funeral, but we also want you to know you can select participants for various parts of the Mass.

Therefore, before you come to meet with our Funeral Liturgy Committee, please consider the following components of the Mass. You can select from friends and family. If you do not have any preferences, we can provide volunteers for you.

If you could fill out this informal worksheet with names of people whom you would like to include in the service. Completing this form will greatly expedite the planning meeting for your loved one's Mass of Christian Burial.

\_\_\_\_\_ Eulogy (total of 10 minutes for the Eulogy. The Eulogist talks about the deceased and/or personal memories involving the deceased. This is strictly optional and precedes the mass.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Cross Bearer (Carries the cross in the processional and Recessional for the Mass)

\_\_\_\_\_ Altar Servers (1 or 2 people and must have experience with serving in this capacity. We also include 1 of our own members who is familiar with our Sacristy. Many families rely on us to supply all of the Altar Servers)

\_\_\_\_\_ Placing the Pall (Usually the immediate family places a white cloth over the casket. This ritual is a symbol that reminds us of our Baptism.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Scripture Readers (2 people are needed. They will read from a sheet prepared by us. Both should be Catholics.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Reader for Prayers of the Faithful (1 person will read from a sheet of prepared words.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Offertory Gift Bearers (2 people minimum, but up to 4 can serve. Must be old enough to carry the containers of hosts)

\_\_\_\_\_ Eucharistic Minister (1 person who can be on standby to assist the priest, if there are many people attending the funeral.)

Pallbearers (Usually 6 men or young men. Others may be Honorary Pallbearers)

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In addition, if you have special music requests, please bring those titles to the meeting. Our Cantor has a repertoire of appropriate music and will assist in the selection of music for the Mass.