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## Funeral Preferences -1

Detail preferences regarding burial or cremation. Consider drafting a death notice and obituary.

### Mortuary

Name & Contact	
Street Address	
City, State, Zip	
Phone(s) and FAX	
Email	

### Type of Funeral Desired

The Catholic Church clearly states that while cremation is permitted, it does not enjoy the same value as burial of the body. The Church prefers and urges that the body be present for the funeral rites and cremation takes place after the funeral service. Cremation does not hold the same value as burial of the body. Just as Christ was bodily buried in the tomb, so ought we to follow that example, see *Order of Christian Funerals for the Cremation Rite*.

<input type="checkbox"/> Traditional 1	Vigil, Mass with casket, and burial
<input type="checkbox"/> Traditional 2	Vigil, Mass with casket, then cremation and burial or entombment
<input type="checkbox"/> Cremains	Vigil, Mass with cremains, and burial or entombment
<input type="checkbox"/> Memorial	Mass without casket or cremains
<input type="checkbox"/> Prayer service	Scripture service with or without casket or cremains and burial or entombment

### Method of Final Disposition

Cremated remains need to be treated with the same respect as we would the body of our deceased loved one. The cremains need to be buried in the ground or placed in a cremation niche. The practice of keeping your loved one at the house is not the reverent disposition the Church requires. Nor is the scattering of ashes allowed.

<input type="checkbox"/> Whole body burial or entombment
<input type="checkbox"/> Cremation burial or entombment
<input type="checkbox"/> Donation to medical science (instructions below)

### Recipient Organization if Donated to Medical Science

Name & Contact	
Street Address	
City, State, Zip	
Phone(s) and FAX	
Email	

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## Funeral Preferences -2

### Cemetery or Memorial Park

Name	
Street Address	
City, State, Zip	
Phone(s) and FAX	
Plot or Deed	

### Clergy

Name of Church Affiliated	
Contact Name	
Street Address	
City, State, Zip	
Phone(s) and FAX	
Email	

### Decisions to be made with Funeral Director

For Catholic funerals it is recommended that one consults with the Church or religious leader prior to meeting with the funeral director in order to determine the options that are consistent with the Catholic faith

Number of visitations	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private
Wake or vigil	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> None
Reception (with food) after funeral	
Any veteran's related items to include	
Flowers or donations in lieu of flowers	
Clothing to be worn by deceased	
Jewelry to be worn by deceased	
Mementos or pictures to display	
Should deceased wear eyeglasses	
Items to remove or keep with burial	
Service program or cards	
Pallbearers	
Limos for the family	
Other:	

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## Liturgy Preferences

This form is specific to Catholic Funerals. Please complete this in consultation with your Catholic Church representative.

Name of deceased	
Address	
City, State, Zip	
Phone(s), FAX, email	
Next of kin	
Phone(s), FAX, email	

### Vigil (the night before the funeral mass)

Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Scripture Service	<input type="checkbox"/> Rosary	<input type="checkbox"/> Viewing
Leader of Vigil service		Typically a Priest, Deacon, or Funeral Director	
Leader of Rosary		Typically a family member, friend, Priest or Deacon	

### Funeral Mass

Catholic funerals generally include Mass. The Mass is planned to incorporate the wishes of the deceased and provide opportunity for loved ones to reflect.

An *Index of Readings* provided by your Church may be helpful in selecting the readings for the following:

Old Testament reading	
Responsorial Psalm	
New Testament reading	
Gospel	

Offertory procession of the bread, water and wine: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Who is in Offertory Procession (2-4 people)	
Eulogy: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Refer to <i>Guidelines for Eulogies</i> provided by your Church
Who should do the Eulogy (1 person)	

For music, use any approved Catholic hymn or seek recommendations from your Church representative:

Prelude	
Entrance	
Offertory	
Communion	
Recessional	