

REMARKS OF REMEMBRANCE OR “EULOGY” (optional)

Following the Prayer after Communion, a member or friend of the family may speak in remembrance of the deceased. The priest will introduce this person at the appropriate time. The wake, the farewell at the cemetery, and the meal of consolation might be more appropriate places for tributes and anecdotes about the deceased.

In the Catholic tradition, the eulogy is a reflection on the life of the deceased specifically in the context of his or her faith as a Christian.

In accord with the Order of Christian Funerals, one person should speak, not a series of people.

Whoever is chosen to speak should be someone who is able to maintain self-control and proper decorum in public.

Considering the time balance of the funeral liturgy, three to five minutes is suitable.

Within the eulogy or in place of a eulogy, someone might want to simply thank all those who have participated in the liturgy and have been kind to the mourners in some way, and/or invite them to a reception.

Eulogy? Yes _____ No _____

Speaker _____

Military honors? Yes _____ No _____

Civic Group present? Yes _____ No _____

Any other particular arrangements:

_____ 2/13/09

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

**Parish Administrative Office
271 Main Street
Saco, Maine 04072
207-282-3321**

Through Death to Life

Deceased Person _____

Date of Funeral _____ *Time* _____

Place of Funeral _____

Officiating Priest or Deacon: _____

The relatives and friends of the deceased person are invited to plan the funeral service. After making selections from the booklet, *Through Death to Life*, please indicate your choices on this form. You may give the completed form to the priest or deacon when convenient, usually at the wake service.

Kindly return the booklet to the office of the funeral director.

If you have any concerns, you may leave a message for the officiating priest or deacon at 282-3321.

“Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.”

-- Matthew 5:4

PLACING OF THE PALL (optional)

The pall is the white cloth that may cover the coffin during funerals celebrated in the United States. The pall recalls the white garment worn by Catholic Christians at the time of one's baptism. It may be placed on the coffin by family members, friends or the pallbearers. A pall is not placed over cremated remains.

By family members _____

By friends _____

By pallbearers _____

Omit placing the pall _____

PLACING OF A CHRISTIAN SYMBOL (optional)

A Christian symbol such as a Bible or a cross provided by the family may be placed on the coffin by family members, or the priest may place the Book of the Gospels.

Bible or Cross Placed by Family Member:

Yes _____ By whom? _____

Or the Book of the Gospels placed by the priest:

Yes _____ No _____

Omit placing of Christian symbol _____

LITURGY OF THE WORD: During Mass, readers should be members of the Catholic Church accustomed to proclaiming the Sacred Scriptures during the liturgy.

Note that enlarged copies of the readings will be placed at the pulpit before the funeral service. Readers are not required to bring their own copies.

*** **First Reading** (Choose from pages 37 - 46)

Number _____ Page _____

Read by _____

Or by a reader provided by the parish _____

*** **Second Reading** (Choose from pages 57 - 67)

This second reading is optional and may be omitted. If the first reading only is desired, it may be chosen from among those on pages 37 - 46 or 57 - 67.

Number _____ Page _____

Read by _____

Or by a reader provided by the parish: _____

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS (bread and wine at a funeral Mass)
One or two Catholics may be selected.

Presented by _____
