

Immaculate Conception Church
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The priests, sisters and parishioners of Immaculate Conception parish extend our deepest sympathy to you at the death of your loved one and wish to offer you our support in whatever way we can be of assistance.

We encourage the family's participation in the funeral liturgy. The following guidelines are intended to help you in the planning:

Family involvement may include:

- Choosing Scripture Readings
- Choosing appropriate music
- Presenting the gifts at the Offertory
- Ministering as lector, altar server or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
- Giving a brief reflection in gratitude for the life of the deceased (see guidelines)

The planning sheet attached will offer suggestions with the practical details. If you choose not to do any of the above, that is perfectly all right. The priest will take care of it. If you wish to give some facts about the deceased, please submit these, along with the planning sheet, to the priest at the wake service the day before the funeral liturgy.

Two members of our Ministry of Consolation will visit the wake to help you in planning the Liturgy.

Thank you and God bless you,

Rev. Monsignor Fernando Ferrarese
Pastor

Name of Deceased: _____

What name should the priest use in referring to the deceased? _____

Date of Funeral: _____

I. Scripture Readings

Two readings may be chosen for the Liturgy (use the book provided) and identify the reading
i.e. Romans 6:3-9, Luke 24:13-16, 28-35 and by number, ie. C1

Old Testament Reading _____ C _____ Name: _____

New Testament Reading: _____ E _____ Name: _____

Gospel Reading: _____ G _____ Proclaimed by the Priest Celebrant

_____ **I would prefer the priest to select the Readings**

II. Music: Please consult the selection of hymns on the attached paper and fill in below:

Entrance Hymn: _____

Offertory Hymn: _____

Communion Hymn: _____

Recessional Hymn: _____

III. Offertory Gifts (These will be on a table at the break in the church)

Water: Name _____ Relationship: _____

Wine: Name _____ Relationship: _____

Ciborium: Name _____ Relationship: _____

(Cup containing Altar Bread)

IV. Guidelines for Brief Reflection on the Life of the Deceased: (OPTIONAL)

- Read by an Adult (one person only)
- Have written script prepared (limit 3-5 minutes)
- Copy of script to be given to the priest with this form (preferably at the wake)
- Highlight the deceased person's faith in life and love for others, in addition to pertinent biographical information

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Proceed to wooden Lectern in front of family

****PLEASE GIVE THIS COMPLETED PAGE TO THE PRIEST AT THE TIME OF THE WAKE SERVICE.**

THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO MAKE THE MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL A TRUE INSPIRATION FOR THOSE WHO ATTEND.

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SUGGESTED & APPROPRIATE HYMNS

ENTRANCE: (Choose One)

On Eagle's Wings
Be Not Afraid
Here I am Lord
Morning Has Broken
Alleluia, the Strife is Over

PREPARATION (Offertory):

Ave Maria
Blest Are They
Eye Has Not Seen
Gentle Woman
Hosea
I Heard the Voice of Jesus
Lord of All Hopefulness
Prayer of Saint Francis
Earthen Vessels

COMMUNION: (Choose One)

Gift of Finest Wheat
I am the Bread of Life
Jesus, Remember Me
One Bread, One Body
Resta Con Noi (Italian)
Softly, Tenderly, Jesus is Calling
You are Mine (Haas)
We Remember
Ave Verum

RECESSIONAL: (Choose One)

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus
Amazing Grace
Christ Be Beside Me (Tune of Morning has Broken)
Faith of Our Fathers
Now Thank We All Our God
I Know That My Redeemer Lives
We Will Rise Again
How Great Thou Art
Pescador (Spanish)
Our Lady of Knock