



NATIVITY B.V.M. CATHEDRAL FUNERAL PREPARATION SHEET

The priests and parishioners of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Cathedral extend to you our deepest sympathy and prayers at this time of great loss. In our effort to make the Mass of Christian Burial and interment for your loved one as personal as possible, we ask that you share some information with us.

Use the Marian Chapel? Yes No

Interment Please note that Nativity Cathedral uses only licensed funeral homes.

Reception following Please notify the celebrant of the venue chosen, if any. If the Sacred Heart Center is being used, please discuss with the secretary.

Liturgy Readings We use the book, *Through Death to Life*, when planning the Mass of Christian Burial. Choose one each of the respective readings. Please select four readers: one for the Old Testament reading, one for the Responsorial Psalm, one for the New Testament reading, and one for the Universal Prayers. Discuss whether the Universal Prayers are to be customized with the celebrating Priest/ Deacon.

Pall The pall symbolizes the baptismal garment and the glorified life with God that this sacrament begins. Two people may be selected to help with this, or you may request the funeral directors to place the pall.

Christian Symbols The Christian symbols of a Bible and a Cross are placed on the coffin. The funeral home may place these on the remains or family members may be chosen beforehand. The Christian symbols are usually placed at the beginning of Mass immediately after the pall is placed on the coffin.

Offertory Gifts Bread & Wine are brought up in the procession. Please select two people to serve as gift-bearers.

Eulogy According to diocesan policy, the family may select one person to offer remarks of remembrance about the deceased one. Their remarks may last no longer than 5 minutes.

Music Music is a vital part of the liturgy. Catholic guidelines permit only live music at funeral services. Please contact our Choir Director/ Organist to discuss music: Bob Chism (228) 547-3792 – stipend \$175 (to be paid at time services are rendered). The choir director's agreement with the cathedral gives him exclusive rights to providing music in the event of a funeral or offer a substitute in the event he cannot be available.

Grief counseling John Snook, LCSW retired, (228) 257-6965