

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES ABOUT THE DECEASED**

- 1. Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Parents (if living): \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Siblings (if living): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

- 4. Children: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

- 5. Grandchildren: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

- 6. Lived most of his/her life in \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

- 7. Veteran? \_\_\_\_\_

- 8. Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

- 9. A word or two summarizing the deceased \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

- 10. Did the deceased have a name he/she went by, other than his/her proper name? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Family  
 Selection and Participation Sheet  
 For the Funeral Mass**

**PLEASE GIVE THIS SHEET TO THE FUNERAL DIRECTOR to fax to us so we can prepare a personal leaflet of hymns to help your family members and friends participate at the Funeral Mass.**

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**Name of the Deceased**

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**Funeral Mass Date & Time**

**Family Contact Person** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

## RECEPTION OF THE BODY AT CHURCH

The Rite of Reception takes place at the beginning of the Funeral Mass. Following the celebrant's greeting and sprinkling of the coffin with holy water, a white funeral pall (covering), which reminds us of the white garment given at Baptism signifying life in Christ, is placed on the coffin. You may want to have two family members do this. Let the Funeral Director know.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

You may choose **one or two scripture selections** for the Funeral Mass: one from the **Old Testament** (Readings #1-6), and/or one from the **New Testament** (Readings #7-22). (During the fifty days of the Easter season, choose two *New Testament* readings.) Catholic family members or Catholic friends may proclaim the first and second readings. A large type text of the Readings you choose will be *on the pulpit* for use by the Readers. This booklet of scripture readings should be used only to prepare.

### First Scripture Reading:

Number \_\_\_\_\_

Read By \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ We prefer the **priest** to do the Reading

### Second Scripture Reading:

Number \_\_\_\_\_

Read by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ We prefer the **priest** to do the Reading

HOW MANY LEAFLETS SHOULD WE PREPARE? \_\_\_\_\_



## EULOGY

Our parish permits one brief eulogy by one mourner. Since there are usually more family members and friends present the last night of the wake, **a eulogy can be more effective in the funeral home.** Otherwise, Seton Parish provides time at the beginning of the Mass. The eulogy is limited to three minutes (500 words).

### Eulogy at Mass given by:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ We prefer **no** eulogy

## PRESENTATION OF THE BREAD & WINE

After the Petitions, family members are encouraged to bring the gifts of bread and wine forward to the priest.

### Gift Bearers' Names (2):

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ We prefer **no** gift bearers

## SACRED MUSIC

Family members may choose Christian hymns that are **appropriate for the Funeral Mass.** You will find a Hymn Selection list at the end of the Funeral Mass booklet.

You may select up to four hymns (by number) from those Listed in the Funeral Mass booklet.

Entrance  
Procession

Presentation  
Of Gifts

Communion  
Procession

Closing  
Procession

\_\_\_\_\_ We prefer the **priest** choose the hymns.