



# FUNERAL & BURIAL PLANNING FORM FOR PRIESTS

Diocese of Great Falls-Billings

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*(This form is to be completed by each diocesan priest and submitted to the Office of Vicar General at the Diocesan Pastoral Center.)*

NAME OF PRIEST \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ON MY WILL:

\_\_\_\_\_ I have made a will

My latest will is dated \_\_\_\_\_

My will is kept \_\_\_\_\_

The executor of my estate as listed in my will is  
\_\_\_\_\_

ON MY FUNERAL AND BURIAL:

\_\_\_\_\_ I choose to allow the Bishop's Office in Consultation with the Liturgy Office to make all arrangements for my funeral and burial

\_\_\_\_\_ I choose \_\_\_\_\_ to make my funeral arrangements

\_\_\_\_\_ I choose to make the following arrangements for my funeral and burial:

**FUNERAL HOME:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I have made arrangements with this funeral home:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City State Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_



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\_\_\_\_\_ I have not made arrangements. I suggest the following:

\_\_\_\_\_  
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## BURIAL ARRANGEMENTS:

\_\_\_\_\_ I have made these arrangements for my burial:

Name of cemetery \_\_\_\_\_

Location of cemetery \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not have arrangements for my burial. I suggest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to be cremated. I have made these arrangements and ask the following disposition of my remains:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**(Note: Cremation should normally take place following the Mass of Christian Burial.)**

## I. VIGIL/WAKE SERVICE

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to have my vigil held at \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to have the following Scripture passages for my vigil: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ Sharing of Memories: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like \_\_\_\_\_ to lead the service

\_\_\_\_\_ I ask the following to share thoughts/prayers/memories:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Music or musicians I would like to include in my vigil service:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Rosary prayed (optional) Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

## I. FUNERAL LITURGY

I wish to have my funeral liturgy at (parish) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

The bishop will ordinarily preside at all priests' funerals. If the bishop is unable to do so I wish to have \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I wish to have \_\_\_\_\_ preach at my funeral liturgy

or \_\_\_\_\_ if my first choice is unable

The Scripture passages I wish to be proclaimed at my funeral liturgy are:

First Reading \_\_\_\_\_

Second Reading \_\_\_\_\_

Gospel \_\_\_\_\_



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Possible readers of these passages are: (**Note:** *the first and second readings should be proclaimed by a member of the faithful*)

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Music I wish to be included at my funeral liturgy is (include if you wish, where in the liturgy you want it sung or played):

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(**Note:** *music used in the Funeral Mass should be liturgical and drawn from the parishes repertoire*)

Musicians I wish to play or sing at my funeral liturgy are: \_\_\_\_\_

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Communion Ministers I wish to have at my funeral liturgy are:

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I wish to ask the following as pallbearers: \_\_\_\_\_

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### III. FINAL COMMENDATION / RITE OF COMMITTAL

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to have \_\_\_\_\_ lead the final  
commendation

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to have \_\_\_\_\_ lead the "Rite of  
Committal

**(Note:** *The Order of Christian Funerals encourages the lowering of the casket during the Rite of Committal. #204,#206, #209 OCF)*

Other requests for my vigil service/funeral/and burial are:

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## INFORMATION FOR MY OBITUARY

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Ordination \_\_\_\_\_

### Education

A. High School \_\_\_\_\_

B. College \_\_\_\_\_

C. Seminary \_\_\_\_\_

D. Graduate Work \_\_\_\_\_

Parents \_\_\_\_\_

Siblings \_\_\_\_\_

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### Assignments: (years in each parish/institution)

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**Honors/awards received:**

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**Organizations I belong to:**

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**Other:**

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