

**FUNERAL AND BURIAL  
PLANNING FORM  
FOR  
PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE OF GREAT FALLS-BILLINGS**

*(This form is to be completed by each diocesan priest and submitted to the Office  
of the 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 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 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:

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

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*(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:

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

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

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**

9. Name \_\_\_\_\_

10. Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

11. Date of Ordination \_\_\_\_\_

12. Education

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

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

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

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

13. Parents \_\_\_\_\_

14. Siblings \_\_\_\_\_

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15. Assignments: (years in each parish/institution)

**8. Honors/awards received:**

**9. Organizations I belong to:**

**10. Other:**

*Please return this form to the Diocesan Pastoral Center  
and retain one copy for your files.*

*Rev. 5/99*