

**Appendix 7: Funeral Planning Document**

**DIOCESE OF BISMARCK FUNERAL PLANNING DOCUMENT**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

The purpose of this form is for you to share your preferences and desires to assist the Diocese when it is necessary to plan your funeral. You are free to make amendments at any time you wish to change this plan. Please communicate amendments to the Coordinator Priests' Care Services. Thank you.

**NOTIFICATION**

In the event of your death, who should be notified? Please list names and relationship to you, along with their address and telephone number.

**PLEASE DESIGNATE THE PRIMARY CONTACT PERSON**

**NAME**                      **RELATIONSHIP**                      **ADDRESS**                      **TELEPHONE**

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**ORDINATION CLASSMATES /SUPPORT GROUP PRIESTS**

I attended seminary at \_\_\_\_\_

Please list your classmates in our diocese.

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Please list members of your priest support group (if appropriate).

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**FUNERALARRANGEMENTS**

Name, address and telephone number of funeral home\_\_\_\_\_

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I have a pre-paid funeral plan with the home. Please list name and location of policy.

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Cemetery and Lot where you wish to be buried.

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The funeral can take place at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Bismarck, ND or any other church you designate.

Location for the Funeral Mass\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have vestments to be used?\_\_\_\_\_ LOCATION\_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a picture of the vestments to be worn (if possible).

Which priests do you want to vest you for the funeral?

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The *Order of Christian Funerals* will be followed. There are three moments in the funeral rites of the Church: Vigil, Mass and Burial. The following is to help you communicate your preferences for each moment.

**I. FUNERAL VIGIL**

1. Would you like to have the **Rosary** prayer before the vigil?

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2. Please indicate any particular person (eg. family, brother priest, deacon) or group (eg. Knights of Columbus) whom you would like to **lead the rosary**.

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3. Who would you like to **preside at the vigil** (priest or deacon)?

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**II. MASS (When possible, the Bishop presides as the main celebrant of this Mass)**

1. Who would you like to preach the **homily**? \_\_\_\_\_

2. If he cannot, do you have an **alternate** choice? \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Readings/lectors** (please use the readings as suggested in the *Order of Christian Funerals*)

Old Testament: \_\_\_\_\_

i. Lector: \_\_\_\_\_

Psalm (generally sung by musicians) \_\_\_\_\_

New Testament: \_\_\_\_\_

i. Lector: \_\_\_\_\_

d. Gospel: \_\_\_\_\_

4. **Music**

a. Selections

i. Entrance: \_\_\_\_\_

ii. Offertory: \_\_\_\_\_

iii. Communion: \_\_\_\_\_

iv. Song of Farewell: \_\_\_\_\_

v. Salve Regina \_\_\_\_\_

vi. Procession: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Musicians:

i. \_\_\_\_\_

ii. \_\_\_\_\_

iii. \_\_\_\_\_

5. **Other Ministers**

c. Gift Bearers (up to 3)

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d. Priests/Deacons to distribute Holy Communion (both species?)

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e. Pall Bearers (6)

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**III. BURIAL**

a. Who would you like to preside at the burial? \_\_\_\_\_

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**LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT**

Date and Location of ORIGINAL COPY OF YOUR Last Will and Testament (valid at civil law)

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Is a copy of the Will filed with the Diocese?

Name, address and phone number of your personal representative:

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Relationship of your personal representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previewed the information the Diocese has on file for your obituary?

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Has your family or representative been informed of your funeral and burial wishes?

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Are there any other wishes or preferences you may have? \_\_\_\_\_

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DATE