

Saint Aidan Parish

Funeral Planning Sheet

Funeral Liturgy For: _____ Date _____

Family or Friends will help place the pall: Yes: _____ No: _____

Family member or Friend will carry the urn in procession: Yes: _____ No: _____

A Family crucifix or bible will be placed on the casket: Yes: _____ No: _____

Old Testament Reading: # _____ Proclaimed by _____ or Parish Lector _____

New Testament Reading: # _____ Proclaimed by _____ or Parish Lector _____

(Please note that the readings will be on the ambo for the readers.
Please do not carry the reading to the ambo with you)

Gospel chosen and proclaimed by priest or deacon.

Prayers of the Faithful: Read by _____ Lector _____

Preparation of the Gifts: Family or Friends will bring up Gifts: Yes: _____ No: _____

Eulogy: Yes: _____ No: _____

* The Eulogy must not exceed five minutes and must be reviewed by the Priest.

**NO EULOGY DURING
COVID-19**

Other Information

Spouse: _____ Years Married _____

Children: _____

Grandchildren: _____

Work History: _____

Church Involvement: _____

Information that will help the Priest prepare the Funeral Homily:

If you have any questions about planning the funeral liturgy, please contact our Coordinator of Liturgy, Ian Brown at 724-935-4343, ibrown@saintaidanparish.org, or the Priest or Deacon celebrating the funeral.

** Please return this form to the Ian Brown at ibrown@saintaidanparish.org*

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Cremation Acknowledgement Form

I understand and acknowledge the following:

- 1. In the early days of the Church, persecutors burned bodies in mockery and defiance of Christian belief in the resurrection. Today, the Church believes these hostile factors are no longer prevalent. Therefore, the Church will permit cremation as long as it is not chosen for reasons hostile to Catholic teaching, and when there are other good reasons to justify the practice. Choosing cremation for economic, geographic, ecological or family factors are acceptable reasons. Any reason contrary to Christian teaching related to the sacredness of the human body, the resurrection of the body, or eternal life is not acceptable.*

- 2. Canon Law 1176.3 states: "The Church earnestly recommends that the pious custom of burying the bodies of the dead be observed; it does not, however, forbid cremation unless it is chosen for reasons which are contrary to Christian teaching."*

- 3. The Policy of the Diocese of Pittsburgh states:*
 - a. The burial or entombment of the bodies of the dead remains the preferred practice of the Catholic Church.*

 - b. The cremated remains are to be either buried or entombed in a cemetery.*

 - c. It is forbidden that the cremated remains be scattered or remain in the possession of a family member or friend.*

- 4. I have been provided a copy of the Saint Aidan Funeral Booklet which explains the options for cremation.*

- 5. I have read and understand the above information and the Church's teaching on cremation.*

- 6. I will ensure that the cremated remains are buried or entombed as soon as possible.*

Signature: _____ *Date:* _____
Signature: _____ *Date:* _____

Please return this signed form to Saint Aidan Parish.