

NOTE: Speak with your family about your wishes. Print a copy of this template. Complete the information and check appropriate boxes. Make several photocopies of this completed document. Give a copy to your family and your parish. Also include a copy with your pre-planned cemetery and funeral home arrangement documents.

“Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” John 2.29



MY FAITH TESTAMENT

The Order of Christian Funeral



TO MY LOVED ONES: I, _____
wish to celebrate my birth into eternal life with all the benefits that the Roman Catholic Church offers to me. I therefore ask that my **FAITH TESTAMENT** as outlined here be honoured. Upon my passing, to fulfill my final wishes and to complete preparations for my Catholic Funeral liturgy, please contact the Roman Catholic Church and cemetery noted in this document.

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- VIGIL PRAYERS** for the Deceased and Eulogy/Words of Remembrance will take place at the funeral home. Yes
- A **FUNERAL LITURGY** in the presence of the body, will be celebrated at _____ Catholic Church in _____, Ontario **or** its clustered parish. Yes
- RITE OF COMMITTAL** will take place at _____ Catholic cemetery following the funeral liturgy.
 - My body will be accompanied to the cemetery by family and friends. Yes **OR**
 - My body will be accompanied to the crematorium by the funeral director and my family Yes
 - My ashes, in a dignified container, with no part left out, will be interred at _____ cemetery immediately following cremation. Yes

FUNERAL MASS yes **OR** **FUNERAL LITURGY without MASS - CELEBRATED in the CHURCH** yes

NOTE: To choose Scripture readings and hymns from those recommended for the Order of Christian Funerals, contact the parish for a list of choices or refer to Appendix I and II attached to this Faith Testament.

I wish these Scripture readings noted below to be proclaimed at my funeral liturgy:

- FIRST READING: Old Testament:** _____
Proclaimed by: _____
- RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** (If not chosen by the parish music director) **My choice is:** _____
- SECOND READING: New Testament:** _____
Proclaimed by: _____
- GOSPEL:** (If not chosen by Priest/Deacon) **My choice is:** _____

Prayer of the Faithful - Intercessions: (Proclaimed by one person only)

Proclaimed by: _____

(For Mass only) **Offertory Gifts will be presented by:** _____

Upon approval by the parish music director, I wish the hymn(s) noted here to be sung at my funeral liturgy:

OR The music director will choose the hymns to be sung at my funeral liturgy. Yes

My preferred charity is: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____