

# DIRECTIONS TO MY AGENTS REGARDING MY DESIRE TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENTS, FUNERAL PLANS AND OTHER FAITH-BASED MATTERS ©

**A. Individual nominated to assist with Faith based matters:** I would like the persons handling my final affairs to seek the faith-based counsel of the following person in matters involving the receipt of sacraments prior to my death and arrangements involving my funeral and other directly related matters:

1. First choice: \_\_\_\_\_, 2. Alternate: \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Receiving the Sacraments:** If I am seriously ill, please contact my Parish Priest as soon as possible to give me the sacraments, including: 1) Reconciliation (my Final Confession), 2) Anointing of the Sick, 3) Viaticum, and 4) Apostolic Pardon. My Priest and Parish contact information is:

1. Priest: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. no.: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Parish name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. no.: \_\_\_\_\_

## C. Directions for Catholic Funeral: \*

### 1. Vigil Service/Wake\*\*

Location of Vigil (can be at home of deceased, funeral home or parish): \_\_\_\_\_

Requests/suggestions for specific scripture readings & prayers: \_\_\_\_\_

Eulogy suggestions: \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Funeral Liturgy (Mass): \*\*\*

Name and location of parish for funeral Mass: \_\_\_\_\_

Requests/suggestions for Sacred Music: \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Burial (Rite of Committal): \*\*\*\*

My body should be buried in \_\_\_\_\_ cemetery located in \_\_\_\_\_

## D. Other Final Last Things:

1. **Offering Masses:** I would like the aforesaid individual to contact my parish or a religious order and make arrangements (including payment of a stipend) for Masses to be said for the repose of my soul, as follows: (specify parish or religious order, number of masses, schedule) \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Offering Prayers after my death\*:** (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Remembering the Catholic Church: (check ✓) one of the following:

\_\_\_\_ I will remember the Catholic Church with a legacy bequest in my will, trust or other written plan

\_\_\_\_ I do not intend to remember the Catholic Church with a legacy bequest in my will, trust or other written plan

\_\_\_\_ I am interested in information about the Manus Christi Legacy Society

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Source: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, An Overview of Catholic Funeral Rites. It is recommended that copies of this filled out and signed Sacramental Directive be: 1) on file with your parish, 2) included with your estate plan, and 3) provided to your agents identified at Sec. A above.

\*\*The Liturgy of the Hours, Office for the Dead, (OCF, Part IV) provides a form of a Vigil for the Deceased. Eulogies are encouraged at the Vigil Service, rather than at the Funeral Mass. The speaker should have a written text approved beforehand by the officiating priest. There should be only one eulogist, and the person must be of upright reputation.

\*\*\*The readings are chosen from those approved for Masses for the Dead. With music, the ideal is to have sacred music which reflects the Paschal mystery, hope and consolation. Families often do request favorite music which they like and if the songs requested are not discordant with Catholic tradition, consideration may be given to accommodating such requests.

\*\*\*\*Whenever possible, those who were part of the Catholic community are buried in a Catholic cemetery. When a Catholic is to be interred in other than a Catholic cemetery, the priest will bless the individual space and then follow the usual ritual. While the Church recommends that the pious custom of burying the bodies of the dead be observed, cremation is permitted as long as it has not been chosen for reasons contrary to Catholic teaching.