

Memorandum

To: All Clergy

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Subject: Liturgical Notes upon the death of a Pope

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As we mourn the death of Pope Francis, parishes throughout the archdiocese are encouraged to pray for him and for the Election of a new Pontiff.

Roman Missal

- There are three sets of presidential prayers *For a Pope*, pp. 165 – 167
- There are five *Prefaces for the Dead*, pp. 656 – 665
- Eucharistic Prayers I, II, and III provide for the deceased to be mentioned by name, and Eucharistic Prayers II and III include a text for use in *Masses for the Dead*
- There is a solemn blessing that can be used *In Celebrations for the Dead*, pp. 720 – 721

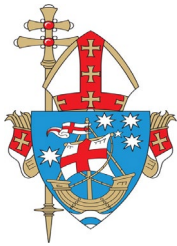
Lectionary

- Volume III has selections of readings for *Masses for the Dead*, pp. 849 - 890

Universal Prayer

One of the following intercessions might be used:

- That God may grant Pope Francis a share in the heavenly liturgy, for he devoutly exercised the ministry of priest and bishop in the earthly liturgy, let us pray to the Lord.
- For Pope Francis, who governed Christ's Church with love and fidelity, that Christ may welcome him to the place prepared for him in the Father's house, we pray to the Lord.
- For Pope Francis, who united himself with the Lord's Passion and Cross, that through death he may come to share in the glory of the Lord's Resurrection. Lord, hear us.



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Divine Office

Volume I provides *The Office for the Dead*. Morning and Evening prayer are well suited for public celebration. A collect from the orations *For a Pope* in the Roman Missal could be used instead of those given. Hymns are on pp. 573 – 574.

Remembering Pope Francis' Message

Pope Francis brought us the consoling image of the Church as a “field hospital”. His writings addressed contemporary issues head on with messages of hope, peace, compassion, and mercy:

- Evangelization in modern society [*Evangelii Gaudium*](#)
- Love within marriage [*Amoris Laetitia*](#)
- Environmental stewardship [*Laudato Si'*](#)
- Human fraternity [*Fratelli Tutti*](#)
- Young people and vocational discernment [*Christus Vivit*](#)
- The heart as the way to peace [*Dilexit Nos*](#)

Prayer for the Election of a Pope

The Roman Missal provides presidential prayers for a Mass For the Election of a Pope or a Bishop, pp. 1308-09. You may wish to invite the faithful to pray the collect during the period of the conclave:

O God, eternal shepherd,
who govern your flock with unfailing care,
grant in your boundless fatherly love
a pastor for your Church
who will please you by his holiness
and to us show watchful care.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Simone'.

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