

Guidelines for Funeral Eulogies

It is important for a funeral mass to take place in within the scheduled time frame. Going over the hour allotted for a funeral impacts all parties involved with the funeral (cemetery schedule, St. Bernadette's staff, repast location, funeral home, etc.). It is for this reason that the following eulogy guidelines were created. *ALL CONDITIONS MUST BE MET IN ORDER FOR A EULOGY TO TAKE PLACE AT MASS.*

When requested:

1. Only one person may speak.
2. A eulogy is NOT a biography of the person's life. Select one short anecdote to share. It should focus on and be consistent with our Catholic faith and the ideals of Christian burial.
3. It should be brief and not to exceed three minutes. If the eulogy goes longer than the allotted time, the priest reserves the right to interrupt and end the eulogy.
4. A written copy of the eulogy must be submitted to the parish office twenty-four (24) hours before the funeral mass. If the parish office is closed, please put it through the mail slot next to the front door, **NOT** in the black mail box.

Alternatively, a eulogy may be given during the Vigil Prayer Service at the funeral home, during the Committal Rite at the place of burial, or at the repast. This may allow for longer and/or multiple eulogies.

Please notify the priest if a eulogy will be given.

The person giving the eulogy must sign and return this sheet with the eulogy.

I hereby agree to terms listed above.

Signed: _____

Date: _____