

Words of Remembrance on the Day of Funeral (Phrase used instead of eulogy)

Guidelines:

- Delivered after Father has said the Prayer after Communion and before the ritual of incensing.
- Limited to a maximum of 5 minutes.
- One person designated to deliver the remembrance.
- Prepared ahead-written out so as to prevent rambling; fits on one piece of paper.

Tips:

- 1) Gather information
Reminisce about what set this person apart. How did this person touch your life and the lives of others? How did this person make a difference?
- 2) Be Specific
Tell a story that illustrates the person's virtues or qualities. Tasteful humor is good; laughter is healing.
- 3) Avoid trying to say everything – it just is not possible.
It is not a time to "say all the things that I should have said when the person was living."
It is not a time to recall all the details and events of the person's life.
- 4) Set boundaries.
It is not a time for off-color anecdotes that are better suited for a roast or toast.
No need to mention the person's vices. Those who don't know them, don't need to hear them now.
- 5) Practice delivering the reflection so you are sure it sounds right and is what you want to say.
- 6) Relax. Breathe normally and do not rush. Speak clearly and distinctly into the microphone.