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208.1 FINAL FUNERAL RITE:

The Rite of Committal concludes the Funeral Rites. The community gathers together for a final act of public worship and expresses the hope in the glory of the resurrection.

208.2 INTERNMENT AND CREMATION:

Internment of the faithful is traditional and preferable. However, cremation may be permitted provided it has not been chosen as a sign of rejection of the Church’s teaching regarding reverence for the human body or the resurrection of the dead (Can. 1176 §3).

208.3 CONSECRATED GROUND:

A baptized member of another Christian Church or ecclesial community, who for a reasonable cause requests it, may be buried in consecrated ground (Can. 1183 §3).

208.4 CONSULTATION WITH CHANCERY:

For funerals involving prominent persons or for other concerns regarding the proper funeral rites to be accorded a member of the faithful, the Chancery should be consulted.