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The following are best practices for funeral rites:

Providing the bereaved family with the proper information (in written form if possible) regarding these policies as the funeral is planned assists in establishing expectations in keeping with the Church’s teachings;

Asking the person giving a remembrance (if permitted) to provide the priest with a written copy of what will be “remembered” well before the Funeral Mass so the remarks can be focused and within the expected time;

Establishing a practice of having a time (an hour or half hour) BEFORE the Funeral Mass for eulogies at the Church;

Being clear and consistent with staff and parishioners about what is permitted and what is not so that all feel fairly treated; and

Having any comments from family and friends be done away from the Ambo.