

# *St. Hubert Catholic Community Funeral Eulogy Guidelines*

St. Hubert Catholic Church prefers eulogies be given at the vigil (wake) or during the funeral luncheon.

If neither of these times works, a eulogy may be given before the funeral liturgy begins. We request your comments be respectful and be general knowledge about the deceased. This will help set the tone as we enter into the funeral liturgy. A copy of the eulogy must be emailed or faxed (952.934.8209) to the presiding priest at least 24 hours prior to the funeral.

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We suggest the following structure:

- a. Music is played/sung to gather everyone into the church.
- b. When the music has ended, the eulogist goes to the pulpit to speak.
- c. When the eulogy is done,
  - the eulogist walks to where the coffin or urn is if she or he will be in the opening procession, *or*
  - the eulogist returns to her or his seat if she or he is not in the opening procession.

Music is played/sung between the end of the eulogy and start of the funeral liturgy.

- d. The funeral liturgy begins at the back of the church by the coffin or urn with the sign of the cross and the sprinkling of holy water.

Please, limit the eulogy to 3-5 minutes.

Political or inappropriate comments are unacceptable. The eulogist will be cut off by the priest or deacon if this occurs.