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### **Policy:**

The norm of law is that there are to be no eulogies at a Funeral Mass. It is up to the pastor to the parish to determine whether a remembrance will be permitted at a Funeral Mass for his parish. If a remembrance is permitted is must take place according to the procedures listed below. Visiting clergy are required to abide by the decision of the pastor and this policy (GIRM no.382).

### **Procedure:**

- A) If a pastor permits a remembrance, it should take place immediately before the Funeral Liturgy begins.
- B) It should be limited to 3-5 minutes.
- C) Only one person should represent the family and friends. Multiple remembrances are not permitted.
- D) The pastor may request a written outline of the proposed remembrance remarks, if he deems it appropriate.
- E) The current liturgical guidelines clearly indicate, “[a]t Funeral Masses there should usually be a short Homily, but to the exclusion of a funeral eulogy of any kind.”