

**PETITION TO CELEBRATE THE FUNERAL MASS
IN THE PRESENCE OF THE CREMATED REMAINS**

Your Grace,

The Family of _____ request permission to celebrate the Eucharist in the presence of the cremated remains of their departed loved one, with the understanding that the request for cremation is not associated with an expressed lack of belief by the deceased in the resurrection of Christ or the dead.

In keeping with Catholic tradition that the cremated remains should be treated with the same dignity and respect as the body, the Family has been advised:

- 1) That they should undertake to bury in the ground or place in a columbarium the cremated remains of the deceased as soon as possible following the Funeral Mass;
- 2) That they should provide the parish with the appropriate information about the burial or inurnment, to be included in the *Parish Register*;
- 3) That the ashes of the deceased should remain integral, that is, they should not divide the ashes among family members or friends, or place the ashes in articles to be worn or kept as mementos, or divide the ashes for interment in several locations.

Signed on this _____ day of _____, 20____ at _____, Ontario.

Pastor or delegate: _____

Parish: _____

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For Chancery Use:

Permission is hereby given to celebrate the Funeral Mass in the presence of the cremated remains.

Given of this _____ day of _____, 20____ at Kingston, Ontario.

Archbishop / Delegate