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## **REMINDER RE: PROCEDURES FOLLOWING POPE'S FUNERAL**

### **INSTRUCTION FROM THE ARCHBISHOP OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SINGAPORE**

Dear Reverend fathers, religious brothers and sisters,

The Period of *Novendiales* ends on Monday (inclusive- 11 April 2005)

Bells can be reset to "normal" from Tuesday, 12 April 2005.

That means from Tuesday (12 April) For Masses and Divine office we should begin to pray for the *Conclave*. You are at liberty to celebrate the Votive Mass "during the time of election of a New Pope".

The liturgical colour for these Masses will be Violet, which is also the colour of expectation.

#### **During the Time of Election of a New Pope**

*After the Novendiales is completed, both the Diocesan Bishop and priests in every parish might consider offering a special Mass for the election of the Pope, according to the guidelines of the Liturgical Calendar. Mass offered by the Archbishop at the Cathedral or in each parish for the attendance of as many of the faithful as possible is desirable. The Mass for the Election of Pope or Bishop (found in the section Masses and Prayers for Various Occasions in the Roman Missal) may be celebrated.*

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## **Mass at the start of and during the Conclave**

Care should be taken that these Masses be celebrated according to the norms of the liturgical calendar. These suggestions can be used on any day that Votive Masses are allowed.

### **Sacramentary Texts**

Mass texts can be taken from Masses for Various Needs and Occasions, #4: For the Election of a Pope.

### **Lectionary Texts:**

Readings and Psalms can be taken from the Lectionary, vol. IV, Masses for Various Occasions, #1: For the Election of a Pope, nos, 833-837.

### **The Homily:**

Care should be taken that the homilies during these Masses offer the opportunity to reflect on the Petrine ministry and its role within the Church. They might also highlight the Holy Spirit and the Church's constant dependence upon it especially during this time of conclave.

### **Sample Intercessory Prayers:**

The following models can be used at all the Masses celebrated during the time of the conclave.

For the College of Cardinals: That they may be open in heart and mind to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we pray to the Lord:

For an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the conclave in Rome: That through intense prayer and genuine discernment, the Cardinals may listen to the Spirit's guidance, we pray to the Lord:

For the Catholic Church: That in faith and confidence we may be united as we await the Spirit's action in the election of a new Pope, we pray to the Lord:

## **The Liturgy of the Hours:**

Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer may also be celebrated and on days when there is no obligatory memorial, feasts or solemnities, the closing prayer may be taken from the Mass for the Election of a Pope or Bishop.

## **A Prayer Vigil for the Guidance of the Holy Spirit:**

On the night before the Conclave in Rome begins, parishes (or perhaps deaneries or districts) might celebrate a prayer vigil service, at which the Church would pray for the guidance of the Spirit during the conclave to elect the next Pope. A suggested Order of Service follows:

### **SAMPLE PRAYER VIGIL FOR PARISHES TO USE THE NIGHT BEFORE THE START OF THE CONCLAVE**

#### **Order of Service**

Note:

This service is meant to be a vigil in which the Church begs for the Spirit to guide the Cardinals in conclave.

#### **Opening Song:**

Choose a hymn or song from the suggested musical resources or any other appropriate gathering song.

#### **Leader:**

Blessed be the Lord,

#### **People:**

Both now and forever!

#### **Introduction and Opening Prayer:**

#### **Leader:**

Brothers and Sisters,  
This evening, we gather as members of Christ's Body the Church.  
We gather as a people who await the movement and action of the Spirit.  
We gather as people confident in the Lord's guidance of and care for his Church.  
Tonight, let us spend time in prayer, reflection and petition.  
Let us call upon God in faith, to send the Holy Spirit upon the Cardinals in Rome who will assemble tomorrow to elect the new Pope, the Vicar of Christ on earth.

Let us pray . . .

O God, protector and ruler of your Church:  
You are our eternal shepherd and guide.

In your mercy, grant your Church a shepherd  
Who will walk in your ways  
And whose watchful care will bring us your blessing.

Give a spirit of wisdom  
To those you have entrusted with authority in your Church.  
Send your Spirit upon the Cardinals in Rome who are to elect  
a new Pope.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

**All:**

Amen.

## **Readings and Reflection:**

### **First Reading**

Isaiah 61: 1-3 (The Lord God has anointed me and has sent me to bring  
Good News to the poor.)

Silence

### **Second Reading**

1 Sm 16:1, 6-13 (Come, anoint the young shepherd; he is the one who will  
be king)

Sung Response: Psalm 89

Response: Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord

### **Third Reading**

Isaiah 6:1-8 (Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?)

Silence

### **Fourth Reading**

Romans 12:3-13 (Our gifts differ according to the grace given to us.)

Sung Response: Psalm 16

Response: You are my inheritance, O Lord.

### **Fifth Reading**

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 (In the work of service we help in building up the body of  
Christ)

Silence

## **Singing of the Gloria**

(or other seasonal acclamation)

During this hymn, the participants' candles are lit.

## **Proclamation of the Gospel:**

Matthew 16: 13-19 (You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church.)

## **Reflection**

## **Singing of the Veni Sancte Spiritus**

During the singing of the Veni Sancte Spiritus all participants move forward in procession, placing their lighted candles in prepared receptacles (pots filled with sand work very well), then returning to their places.

## **Intercessions**

(Those listed below are given as a model - other appropriate intercessions can be used)

### **Leader:**

Together, let us offer our prayers for the Church and her leaders:

For the College of Cardinals: That they may be open in heart and mind to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we pray to the Lord:

For an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the conclave in Rome: That through intense prayer and genuine discernment, the Cardinals may listen to the Spirit's guidance, we pray to the Lord:

For the Catholic Church: That in faith and confidence we may be united as we await the Spirit's action in the election of a new Pope, we pray to the Lord:

For Christian unity, that full communion among all churches will be realized, we pray to the Lord:

For peace from on high and for our salvation, we pray to the Lord:

For the welfare of all peoples and the unity of the human family, we pray to the Lord:

For this holy assembly, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, we pray to the Lord:

For the clergy, for all servants of the Church, and for all the faithful, we pray to the Lord:

For our public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, we pray to the Lord:

For the faithful who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, we pray to the Lord:

### **The Lord's Prayer:**

Gathering our prayers into one, we pray as Jesus taught us.  
Our Father...

### **Sign of Peace**

We have gathered this night as brothers and sisters in Christ.  
Let us share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

### **Blessing**

#### **Presider:**

The Lord be with you.

#### **All:**

And also with you.

#### **Presider:**

May almighty God bless you,  
Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(If the leader is a lay minister, he or she uses the following formula)

#### **Leader**

, making the sign of the cross says:

May almighty God bless us,  
Protect us from all evil  
And bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

### **Closing Song:**

Choose a hymn or song from the suggested musical resources