Our Lady of the Valley Parish
Bereavement Committee

Family Worksheet for Funerals
To be distributed by Funeral Directors

Our Lady of the Valley Parish—St. Ann Church, Hornell and St. Mary Church, Rexville—offers a ministry to our faith community in the event of a loved one's death. Our Bereavement Committee consists of volunteers who are here to help you plan the Funeral Mass of your loved one.

As Catholics, we celebrate a particular set of liturgical rites to help us through the immediate days of our grieving to express our belief in eternal life and help us to pray for our loved one who has died. These rites are called the *Order of Christian Funerals*. The booklet, *Through Death to Life*, that you have received from your funeral director contains the prayers and scripture readings available to you as you plan the Funeral Mass.

A member of our Bereavement Committee will be contacting you shortly after you meet with your funeral director. Our members and Pastor, Fr. Stan, felt it may be helpful for you to have this booklet to read through before the Bereavement volunteer meets with you and your family to help you plan and organize your loved one's Funeral Mass. We are here to help you select the readings, music, and plan for any members of your family or friends that you may wish to participate in the Funeral Mass.

In preparation for meeting with the Bereavement Committee member, you will want to select ONE of each of the following areas in the booklet. If you are feeling overwhelmed, our volunteer will be happy to assist you by making suggestions of possible choices when you meet with her. You may also access information and readings at our parish website: at https://olv14843.org/preparing-to-honor-your-loved-one

When the Bereavement member meets with your family, she will help you select the hymns/music for the Funeral Mass; as well as discussing other areas of planning, like having ONE PERSON share Words of Remembrance, family members who may wish to bring up the Offertory Gifts at Communion, etc.

Please turn this sheet over to complete. ➡

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Note: You will select the hymns/music when you meet with the Bereavement volunteer.

Opening Prayer Enter your choice on this line _____
Read by Fr. Stan—**Section B in the booklet—pages 4-23**. **B1 through B23**.

Old Testament Reading Enter your choice on this line _____

Section C in the booklet—pages 26-34. **C1 through C11—**NOTE: some readings have both long and short versions.

*This may be read by a family member—you will share the person's name with the Bereavement member. Name: _____

New Testament Reading Enter your choice on this line _____

Section E in the booklet—pages 45-55 E1 through E15—NOTE: some readings have both long and short versions.

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Gospel Reading—will be selected by the Celebrant—unless the family has strong feelings about a Gospel they would like read. (Section G pages 59-78.)

General Intercessions (Prayers of the Faithful)

Enter your choice on this line _____

Section H in the booklet—pages 79-89. **H1 through H7.**

NOTE: H1 & H2 are more commonly selected.

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