

Church of Saint Ann

To the Eulogist,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. We wish to acquaint you with the Archdiocese of Hartford's rules pertaining to the eulogy at the Catholic Funeral Mass.

The eulogy is an **optional** part of the Mass, to be given *at the discretion of the pastor* of the church. For this reason the eulogy must reflect the Christian values of the deceased. The eulogy is given from the altar where the Eucharist is present and thus must be spiritual in nature.

The eulogy is not a history of the deceased's life but rather a reminder of how they lived their Catholic faith. Reflections and stories shared by family and friends are best related at the Funeral Home during the wake or gathering time after the funeral.

At Mass, the eulogy is limited to one person and is to be *no longer than* five minutes in length. Should your eulogy require more time, people or content, it is recommended that you consider doing the eulogy outside of the Holy Mass (at the calling hours prior to the funeral, or at the luncheon following the funeral.)

Adhering to these guidelines will enhance the spirituality of the Funeral Mass and honor the passing of your loved one to their heavenly reward.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rev. Alphonso Fontana".

Father Alphonso Fontana, Pastor
and The Bereavement Committee of the Church of Saint Ann