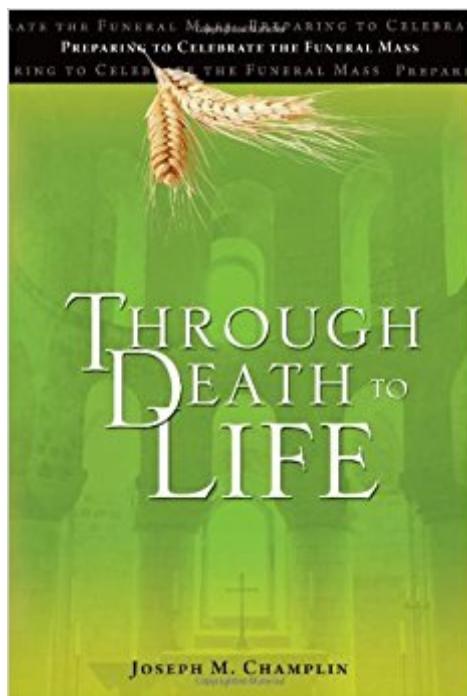


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# Through Death To Life: Preparing To Celebrate The Funeral Mass



## **Synopsis**

This comprehensive guide brings together in one place all the official liturgical texts needed for planning a Catholic funeral Mass, providing a practical tool for priests, deacons, and lay pastoral ministers as they help grieving Catholics plan the funeral of a loved one. Families can select the readings and prayers that they find most fitting and record them on an easy-to-follow selection sheet. This sheet is then passed on to the presiding priest or his designate so that he can prepare the liturgy. Nearly 1,000,000 copies sold in its thirty-year history. Contains all required changes from the Roman Missal, Third Edition, official approved lectionary readings, and pertinent texts from the Order of Christian Funerals. Includes comprehensive selection sheet for readings and prayers. Two distinct numbering systems: one coincides with the official liturgical books and the other with the Funeral Mass and Rite of Committal ritual card set published for presiders by Ave Maria Press. Includes brief, informative appendix explaining Church teaching on the practice of cremation.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Msgr. Joseph M. Champlin served in sacramental ministry in the Diocese of Syracuse. A prolific writer on pastoral care and spirituality concerns, wrote more than fifty books and traveled more than two million miles lecturing in the United States and abroad. He died in January of 2008. Peter A. Jarret, C.S.C., is superior and rector of Moreau Seminary at the University of Notre Dame.

I highly recommend this book to anyone who is assisting families with Catholic funeral Mass

planning. It is inexpensive and offers the complete selection of collects, antiphons, and (to me) MOST important the recommended lectionary readings. The cost of the book is low enough that it can be given to the bereaved family to review and study, if necessary and/or convenient without concern for its being returned. I use this book on a regular basis in bereavement ministry.

It's hard to say love it about something dealing with death, but this an excellent book for Catholics who need to prepare for a funeral Mass. I am actually using it to plan my own funeral Mass so my children will not have the burden about wondering what Mom would want. I worked for 30 years as a church musician and liturgist and I used these books to help many people. Now I am doing the job for myself. I remember so many family members coming in at a time of sorrow trying to plan the Mass for Mom or Dad or husband, I believe in planning ahead, my children will have enough to deal with without trying to pick out Bible readings and music.

Joseph M. Champlin's "Through Death to Life" is a great grace to those responsible for celebrating Funeral liturgies. Many families desire and are prepared to take an active and conscious role in a funeral liturgy. I have found and I believe they also that Champlain's resource is very user friendly. Selections of the many options that families have made contribute to a liturgy that celebrates the mystery of death and resurrection. In one calendar year we have had as many as 70 funerals. I do not know of a better resource than "Through Death to Life" to help families give thanks God for the particular life that has come to its fulfillment. Yes, I highly recommend this great grace. Rev. Cris Janson

I wanted a funeral mass, but knew nothing about how to prepare for one. Most of my family are not Catholic so If I died before them they wouldn't know how to do a funeral mass either. This little book is simple to read, pick the readings and prayers. This is a step by step help book that you can leave with your important papers so that your funeral will be as you would like it to be. I found this book helpful and comforting.

Its hard to say 'I love it' considering it to help with a funeral Mass. But, my sister and I used it to do the funeral Mass for my dad. It was very helpful and gave all the selections of readings and responsorials that we needed. It also provided choices to recommend for children vs adults. I would recommend it.

Very happy with this booklet we use it in our church and since we have several people helping with funeral arrangements I ordered 5 books. This has worked out well and it is an updated version.

This book is very convenient in that it includes all the Scripture selections from which to choose the readings for funeral vigils and Masses, as well as the various prayer options. It is also inexpensive and is much easier to use in working with families than the larger Rite book.

Very helpful for families planning a Catholic funeral

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