

## PAGELLA OF FACULTIES

### FACULTIES: PRIVATE VOWS

25. A PRIEST FOR A JUST REASON MAY COMMUTE OR DISPENSE FROM ALL PRIVATE VOWS ANYONE WHO APPROACHES HIM WITHIN THE DIOCESE, PROVIDED THE DISPENSATION DOES NOT INJURE THE ACQUIRED RIGHTS OF ANOTHER (c. 1196).

### FACULTIES: BENEDICTION

26. THE RITE OF EUCHARISTIC BENEDICTION MAY BE CELEBRATED WHENEVER THERE IS A NOTABLE GATHERING OF THE FAITHFUL AND THERE IS HOPE OF SPIRITUAL BENEFIT FOR THE PEOPLE. "BLESSINGS WITH THE EUCHARIST IS PRECEDED BY A SUITABLE PERIOD OF READINGS OF THE WORD OF GOD, SONGS, PRAYERS AND SUFFICIENT TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER. EXPOSITION WHICH IS HELD EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE GIVING OF BENEDICTION IS PROHIBITED" (Rites of the Catholic Church, "Exposition of the Holy Eucharist," n. 89).

### FACULTIES: STATIONS OF THE CROSS

27. PASTORS MAY ESTABLISH AND BLESS THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN CHURCHES, ORATORIES AND OTHER SUITABLE PLACES WITHIN THEIR PARISH.

### FACULTIES: THE BLESSING OF CHALICES

28. A PRIEST MAY BLESS THE CHALICE AND PATEN USED AT MASS, USING THE PROPER "BLESSING OF CHALICE AND PATEN." THE BLESSING MAY TAKE PLACE USING THE RITE OF BLESSING WITHIN MASS OR THE RITE OF BLESSING OUTSIDE OF MASS.

### FACULTIES: SACRAMENTALS

29. SACRAMENTALS SUCH AS BLESSINGS, BLESSED ASHES, PALMS AND THE LIKE MAY BE GIVEN TO THOSE WHO ARE NOT IN COMMUNION WITH THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IF THEY ASK FOR THE SACRAMENTALS. IN THE SPIRIT OF RECIPROCITY, CATHOLICS CAN SHARE IN THE INVOCATIONS AND BENEDICTIONS OF MINISTERS OF A DIFFERENT RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY.
30. WHEN A TRUE AND PASTORAL NEED EXISTS, DEACONS, SPECIAL MINISTERS OF COMMUNION AND LAY PERSONS MAY DISTRIBUTE BLESSED ASHES IN THE CHURCH, AND THEY MAY BRING THEM TO THE HOMES OF SHUT-INS. (Cf. Response of Congregation of Worship, January, 1975; BCL Newsletter, January, 1980.

### FACULTIES: DEATH AND BURIAL

31. A. CATHOLICS MAY BE BURIED IN THE CEMETERY OF ANOTHER RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION WHENEVER A JUST CAUSE EXISTS.

- B. CATHOLICS BY GENERAL LAW ARE PERMITTED TO CHOOSE THEIR PLACE OF BURIAL. IF NO DETERMINATION IS MADE, THE FUNERALS FOR CATHOLICS WILL ORDINARILY TAKE PLACE WITHIN THE PARISH CHURCH.
- C. "THE FUNERAL MASS HAS FIRST PLACE AMONG THE MASSES FOR THE DEAD AND MAY BE CELEBRATED ON ANY DAY EXCEPT SOLEMNITIES WHICH ARE HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION AND THE SUNDAYS OF ADVENT, LENT, AND THE EASTER SEASON" (No. 336 of the General Instruction). ATTENDANCE AT A FUNERAL MASS ON SUNDAY (OR ON SATURDAY AFTER 4:00 P.M.) FULFILLS THE SUNDAY OR HOLY DAY OBLIGATION.
- D. A FUNERAL MASS FOR A CATHOLIC IS ALLOWED IN A FUNERAL HOME ONLY WHEN A JUST AND SERIOUS CAUSE EXISTS. THE PASTOR OF THE DECEASED PERSON SHOULD ORDINARILY BE CONSULTED IN THIS MATTER.
- E. FUNERAL SERVICES FOR ONE NOT PROFESSING THE CATHOLIC FAITH MAY BE CELEBRATED IN A CATHOLIC CHURCH OR IN A FUNERAL HOME. MASS IS ALLOWED PROVIDED THE FAMILY SPECIFICALLY REQUESTS IT, THERE IS NO DANGER OF SCANDAL, AND THE NAME OF THE DECEASED IS NOT MENTIONED IN THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER. CARE MUST BE TAKEN TO ASSURE THAT THE SERVICE IS NOT OFFENSIVE TO THE MINISTER OF THE NON-CATHOLIC.
- F. A BURIAL IN A CATHOLIC CEMETERY MAY BE PERMITTED ON A HOLY DAY, WITH PERMISSION FROM THE CHANCERY. PERMISSION WILL BE GRANTED WHEN A SERIOUS PASTORAL NECESSITY EXISTS. THE PRIEST RECEIVING THE PERMISSION WILL NOTIFY THE CHANCERY THAT PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED FOR A BURIAL TO TAKE PLACE ON A HOLY DAY.
- G. PERMISSION FOR CREMATION MAY BE GIVEN BY ANY PRIEST OR DEACON UNDER THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS: 1) IT IS THE REQUEST OF THE DECEASED OR THE FAMILY; 2) THERE IS NO DENIAL OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY; AND 3) THE ASHES ARE INTERRED.
- H. EXCEPT FOR THE MASS, A DEACON MAY CONDUCT ALL THE FUNERAL RITES (Order of Christian Funerals, # 19).