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Special Situations Regarding Funerals

- A. "Funeral rites are to be celebrated for catechumens" (Order of Christian Funerals, Appendix, # 14bis). "The funeral liturgy, including the funeral Mass, should be celebrated as usual, omitting only language referring directly to the sacraments which the catechumen has not received. In view of the sensibilities of the immediate family of the deceased catechumen, however, the funeral Mass may be omitted at the discretion of the pastor" (RCIA, Nat'l Statutes, # 8).
- B. In keeping with the provisions of CIC, can. 1183, celebration of funeral rites may be granted to children whose baptism was intended by their parents but who died before being baptized" (Order . . . , App., #14bis.)
- C. "Funeral rites are to be granted to those who have chosen cremation" (Order of Christian Funerals, # 15). The funeral rites to be followed are those given in the Appendix to the Order of Christian Funerals on cremation, distributed 11/5/1997.
1. In conformity with canon 1176, par. 3, **the custom of burying the bodies of the deceased is to be commended and encouraged.**
  2. The cremation must not be undertaken for motives in opposition to Christian doctrine (canon 1176, par. 3).
  3. It is still preferred that the funeral liturgy take place in the presence of the body of the deceased prior to its cremation (#413, Appendix on Cremation, sent 11/5/1997).
  4. The cremation must be carried out with the proper respect that befits the dignity of the human person and of baptized Christians (# 413, Appendix on Cremation, sent 11/5/1997).