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The Admission of Non-Catholic Christians as Readers of Scripture at a FUNERAL MASS

Given that, the *Directory of the Application of Principles and Norms on Ecumenism* from the Pontifical Commission for Promoting Christian Unity, admitted of the possibility of Non-Catholic Christians reading the Sacred Scriptures at Mass:

“On exceptional occasions and for a just cause, the Bishop of the diocese may permit a member of another Church or ecclesial Community to take on the task of reader.” (#133)

And in light of guidance given by the *General Introduction to the Lectionary for Mass*, where it states:

“The liturgical assembly truly requires readers, even those not instituted. Whenever there is more than one reading, it is better to assign the readings to different readers, if available.” (#52)

It is the policy of the Diocese of Crookston that:

1. Normally, only carefully prepared Catholics are to read at a **FUNERAL** Mass;
2. In exceptional circumstances, the Bishop of Crookston hereby delegates the priest presiding the faculty to admit another Christian the task of reader at a **FUNERAL** Mass for one of the readings only.

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