

A Quick Reference Guide to Liturgical Rites for Deceased Infants and Their Families

Liturgical Rite	Minister	Notes
Order for Blessing of Parents after Miscarriage, <i>Book of Blessings</i> , p. 86	Priest, Deacon, Lay Minister	For use in hospital, home, or church
Prayers after Death, <i>Order of Christian Funerals</i> , (OCF) #101 - 108	Priest, Deacon, Lay Minister	To be adapted for children
Gathering in the Presence of the Body OCF, #109 - 118	Priest, Deacon or Lay Minister	To be adapted for children
Vigil for A Deceased Child, OCF, #243 - 263	Priest, Deacon or Lay Minister	Prayers and Scripture may be selected. For use in church, hospital, home, or funeral home.
Funeral Liturgy, OCF, #264-294	Priest	Prayers and Scriptures may be selected. For the unbaptized, the rites are adapted. See OCF rubrics.
Funeral Liturgy outside Mass OCF, #295 - 315	Priest or Deacon or Lay Minister in the absence of a Priest or Deacon	Prayers and Scripture may be selected. For the unbaptized, the rites are adapted. For use in church, funeral home, or hospital chapel.
Rite of Committal, OCF, #316 - 326	Priest, Deacon, or Lay Minister	At cemetery after Funeral Liturgy
Rite of Committal with Final Commendation, OCF, #327 - 336	Priest, Deacon, or Lay Minister	At cemetery when Funeral Liturgy has not been celebrated
Rite of Final Commendation for an Infant, OCF, #337 - 342	Priest, Deacon, or Lay Minister	For use at cemetery, in a home or hospital