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*Dear Friends,*

*The death of a loved one - whether it be after a long illness, or suddenly, through an unexpected tragedy - leaves the surviving family and friends with a deep sense of emptiness, loss and sadness. Decisions and choices that would usually be "second-nature" somehow become awkward and difficult.*

*Unfortunately after the death of a loved one, surviving family members must immediately begin making funeral arrangements. Even if some arrangements were made in advance, there are many decisions that can be made only in the hours following the death and in the days immediately prior to the funeral and burial.*

*In this booklet is information concerning the Funeral Liturgies of the Church, as well as many answers to commonly asked questions regarding these Liturgies.*

*This packet has been designed as a guide to assist families at a very difficult time in their lives. These guidelines, will hopefully, offer the family members preparing for the Funeral Liturgy an easy guide to make the process less burdensome.*

*If, after you have reviewed the enclosed information, you, or family members, have questions regarding the Funeral Liturgy, please feel free to contact me at the Office of Sacred Heart Parish (610-623-0409) or Saint Charles Borromeo Parish (610-623-3800).*

*May it be the prayer of all of us that the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in His eternal peace.*

*Sincerely yours in Christ,*

*Reverend Monsignor George A. Majoros  
Pastor*