

A QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE TO LITURGICAL RITES

for Deceased Infants and Their Families

Liturgical Rite	Minister	Notes
Order for Blessing of Parents after Miscarriage, Book of Blessings, p. 86	Priest, Deacon, or Lay Minister	For use in hospital, home, or church
Prayers after Death, Order of Christian Funerals, OCF, #101 - 108	Priest, Deacon, or 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 Scriptures may be selected. For the unbaptized, the rites are adapted. See OCF rubrics.
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

Source: https://www.odwphiladelphia.org/sacred-liturgy/providing-pastoral-support-when-an-infant-dies-before-or-shortly-after-birth/