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## A RECENT HISTORY OF THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN FUNERALS

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December 4, 1963	<i>Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy</i> , Second Vatican Council 81. “Funeral rites should express more clearly the paschal character of Christian death, and should correspond more closely to the circumstances and traditions found in various regions. This also applies to the liturgical color to be used. 82. The rite for the Burial of Infants is to be revised, and a special Mass for the occasion should be provided.”
1966	<i>Cum, nostra aetate</i> promulgated by the Sacred Congregation of Rites – norms
August 15, 1969	Decree by Congregation for Divine Worship establishing June 1, 1970 as effective date [Until June 1, 1970, when Latin is used there is the option to use either the rite used in the Roman Missal or the new rite. After June 1, only the new rite may be used.]
November 14, 1985	<i>Order of Christian Funerals</i> canonically approved by NCCB
April 28, 1987	Confirmed by the Holy See
October 1, 1989	OCF may be published and used
November 2, 1989	OCF is mandatory
August 6, 1996	NCCB requests an indult for funerals in the presence of cremated remains
March 21, 1997	Indult granted by the CDWDS (Prot. 1589/96/L) to allow the celebration of the Funeral Liturgy in the presence of cremated remains
November 12, 1996	US Bishops approve the text of the appendix to the OCF (confirmed by the CDWDS on July 30, 1997).
October 4, 1997	Appendix to the OCF may be published (OCF nos.432-438)
November 2, 1997	Use of the Appendix is mandatory for funeral rites in the presence of cremated remains
2018	OCF reprinted with inclusion of prayers from the 2010 translation of the Roman Missal.  “As a matter of clarification, the Secretariat wishes to observe that there have been no changes whatsoever to any of the funeral rites, and that the updated reprint editions are not mandated for use. Currently existing versions remain perfectly acceptable for liturgical use in the United States. The International Commission on English in the Liturgy has no current plans to prepare a new translation of the <i>Order of Christian Funerals</i> .” (June 2018 – BCDW Newsletter)