

Benedict XVI to receive papal burial

Former Pope Benedict XVI will receive a papal funeral, with some adaptations to acknowledge that he was not a reigning pontiff who left a “*sede vacante*” or vacant throne

Funeral Mass: Booklet features Caravaggio’s “Deposition”, and includes collect prayer and Prayers of the Faithful

Saint Peter’s Basilica



Great Bell

Balcony



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Benedict to be interred in former tomb of John Paul II, before beatification

St Peter’s tomb in lower level necropolis



PAPAL CASKET

Soldered zinc coffin contains cypress casket wrapped in ribbons

Exterior wood case