

# 2018

## OUR MISSION

To perform the Corporal Work of Mercy of burying the dead and to care for their resting places; to preserve, promote and protect the Church's teachings on death and resurrection; and to console the bereaved.

## OUR CATHOLIC CEMETERIES: Holding Special Events

by Most Reverend David A. Zubik, D.D.

My dear friends in Christ,

Within our beloved Diocese of Pittsburgh there are 16 sacred diocesan cemeteries. Driving through their gates, one can immediately feel God's presence and the overwhelming sense of peace and tranquility. Beginning with our baptism into the Catholic Church, we await the Resurrection with open, outstretched hands, waiting to receive the guiding hand of our Lord.

Catholic Cemeteries are places to visit our dearly departed, pray for their souls and all the souls of the faithful as well as cherish the many memories we hold so close to our hearts.

The Mission of our Catholic Cemeteries is to "administer the Corporal Work of Mercy of burying the dead and caring for their resting places. In the provision of this special ministry, the Association seeks to console the bereaved and to preserve, promote and protect the Church's teachings on death and resurrection, as well as prayer, liturgy and devotions for the dead."



Each year The Catholic Cemeteries Association hosts many special events in carrying out its Mission. These events include: annual Memorial Day Services; Memorial Prayer Services; All Saints and All Souls Day Services; Stations of the Cross; Remembrance Services; Pre-planning Seminars; Sacred Music Concerts; and Retreats. I encourage everyone to participate in these very important and meaningful events whenever possible.

God bless you!

Grateful for our belief that "Nothing Is Impossible with God," I am,

Your brother in Christ,

Most Reverend David A. Zubik  
Bishop of Pittsburgh



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## The Best Long Term Care Resource

The unfortunate reality today is that many of us are living longer and the odds that we will enter a nursing home have increased dramatically. The cost of skilled nursing home care today is over \$9,000 per month. Many families are forced to spend their entire life savings, sell their homesteads and cash in their life insurance to pay for their care before they can qualify for Medicaid or Veterans' benefits. Many people are not aware that Medicaid will only pay for an individual's nursing home care once someone has exhausted all other resources.

With proper planning you can put in place a plan to protect and shelter some of your hard-earned assets. A certified Elder Law attorney can assist families with these issues and guide them through the process.

One of the planning techniques utilized by Elder Law attorneys is to have families pre-plan for their burial and funeral expenses using The Catholic Funeral Plan™. The Plan allows families to make decisions about their funeral and burial arrangements, and set aside money for these expenses without jeopardizing their eligibility for Medicaid. Not only will this shelter these funds from being used for nursing home care, but it will assure that their funeral and burial arrangements will be carried out according to their wishes, without creating a financial or emotional burden on their surviving family.

A major benefit of the Plan is the flexibility that it affords. Families enrolled are under no contractual obligation to use any particular funeral home, and they

are free to change any of their funeral preferences, including the funeral home, without penalty. The Plan can be used at any funeral home in the United States.

Another important benefit of The Catholic Funeral Plan™ is that the family maintains control of the disposition of the funds at the time of death, not the funeral home. A designated family member is selected to be in charge, and the funeral home is paid only when the services are delivered as promised. All funds in excess of the funeral costs are returned to the family of the deceased.

The Catholic Funeral Plan™ was instituted over 20 years ago to provide Catholic families with a faith-based alternative for planning their funerals. It has proven to be not only an effective way of avoiding the short comings of a typical funeral arrangement process, but it is an effective planning tool for those entering a nursing home and eventually applying for Medicaid and Veterans' benefits.

For more information on The Catholic Funeral Plan™ and a list of certified Elder Law attorneys, call 1-877-886-7526 or complete the attached reply card.

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### CEMETERY DECORATIONS

## Floral Bouquets and Christmas Wreaths

Did you know that The Catholic Cemeteries Association offers beautiful floral bouquets and Christmas wreaths that can easily be ordered on-line using The Catholic Cemeteries website or in person by visiting the cemetery office? Simply select the arrangement or wreath that you like and let us take care of the rest. Once your floral request arrives, our staff will install it on the grave or crypt of your loved one. Our service includes tax, installation, removal and disposition at the end of the season. For more information visit our website at: [www.ccapgh.org](http://www.ccapgh.org)



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## THE RIGHT OF BURIAL Who owns it?

One does not “own” graves or crypts in the same manner in which one owns real estate. Those who acquire grave or crypt spaces acquire an easement or right to use those spaces for the interment of human remains, but they do not actually acquire ownership of the physical property.

The one to whom the easement has been granted (the “owner”) has the right to do a number of things related to the burial space(s):

- The owner of the easement can direct who may be buried in the space(s) and who may not. No one can use the space(s) without the easement owner’s permission.
- The owner can allocate individual grave or crypt spaces to specific people. If the owner dies without making a specific assignment for all the spaces, it can create confusion and problems in the family for future burials.
- The owner can transfer their right of burial to another family member or to any other person as long as they are eligible to be buried in a Catholic cemetery.

It is important to keep in mind that cemetery easements do not pass automatically as part of a deceased person’s estate. Owners must specifically bequeath the right of burial to another person by “specific devise” in the Will, that is, in writing, specifically identifying the location of the cemetery property to be bequeathed. If no such specific devise is mentioned, then all blood heirs of the deceased owner have an equal right to use the cemetery property in order of need. The spouses of these heirs; however, do not have an inherent right of burial. They must receive written permission for burial either from the owner during his or her lifetime, or from the blood heirs of the owner after the original owner’s death.

If you own multiple spaces for in-ground burial or crypts for above-ground entombment, we strongly encourage you to file a written assignment for the use of those spaces with the cemetery office. For more information on this important topic call us, toll free, at 1-877-886-7526.



## NEED A TAX DEDUCTION? Gifts & Contributions

The Catholic Cemeteries Association is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation and all charitable donations are tax deductible according to IRS regulations. We work hard to make sure that every cemetery location is well maintained and economically accessible to all families that enter our gates. Because of this, we are asking that you consider making a generous donation. There are many ways to donate, such as: Memorial Gifts, Gifts through Wills, Life Insurance, Foundation or Corporate Gifts, Appreciated Stock, Gifts of Cash or donate back unused or unwanted burial spaces for the less fortunate. Your gift allows us to continue with our Mission of Service.

*Thank You !*

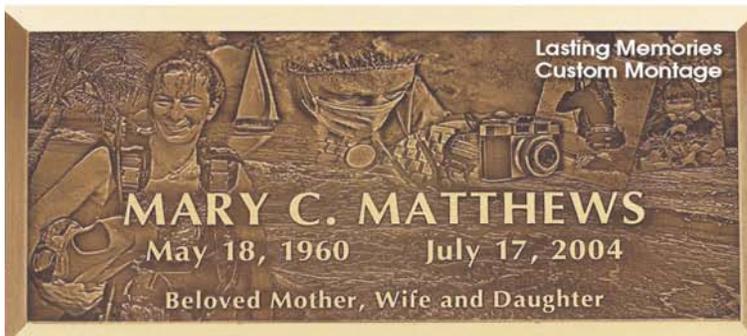
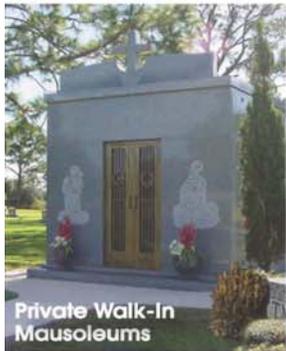
## CCA SPECIAL EVENTS You Are Invited

The Catholic Cemeteries Association holds various events throughout the year. You can check our website for dates and times and we also publish our special events in the *Pittsburgh Catholic*. We would love to see you there, so please join us!

- Memorial Prayer Service
- Stations of the Cross
- All Saints and All Souls Day Services
- Religious Services
- Memorial Day Services
- Remembrance Services
- Pre-planning Seminars



# Everything you need



## Bronze Memorials

- With custom portraits
- Veterans' spouse matching marker
- Refinishing

## Burial fee pre-payment

- Guaranteed inflation protection

## Catholic Funeral Plan™

- Complete funeral pre-planning at any funeral home of your choice

## Cremation options

- Cremation gravesites
- Mausoleum niches

## Crypts

- Crypt-front emblems and personalization
- Names and dates
- Color photoceramics
- Vases and vase/light combinations

## Family Protection

- Children family protection
- Grandchildren family protection

## Financing

- Interest free financing programs
- Job loss protection

## Granite Memorials

- Cleaning services and restoration
- Incising/lettering
- Upright and flush custom memorial design
- Memorial benches where available
- Premium shaped designs

## Gravesites

- Flush memorial areas
- Upright memorial areas
- Private estate and family lots
- Single and double depth burials as available

## Mausoleum entombment

- Private family mausoleums
- Community mausoleums

## Memorial Benches

## Monument insurance programs

- Damage protection policies

## Pre-planning discounts

## Removal and transfer service

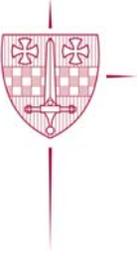
- Grave to crypt
- Crypt to grave

## Tree programs

- Memorial trees (some locations)

## Vaults

- Grave liners



## CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS

# Did You Know?

In the spirit of maintaining the sacred nature and dignity of the Catholic cemetery, the following will be enforced. We ask for your understanding and your cooperation.

### Permitted:

- Planting in approved planting bed up to one foot in front of memorial. Area is to be maintained free of weeds and grass.
- Artificial flowers:
  - in approved vases
  - in approved planting beds
  - on an upright memorial
- Faded, rotten or worn flowers will be removed.
- Christmas decorations from the first Sunday in Advent to February 28.
- Easter decorations from the first Sunday in Lent through Ascension Thursday.
- Other holiday decorations such as Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day and All Souls Day.
- Approved solar vigil lights.

### Not Permitted:

- Planting or decorating during the general cemetery cleanup occurring in the month of March.
- Any shrubs, trees or bushes.
- Anything that represents a safety hazard such as: statues, borders, decorative stones, fencing, wire, toys, glass, rocks, bottles, cans, plaques, ornaments and wood.
- Flowers or objects that are unsightly or detract from the spiritual setting of a Catholic cemetery.
- Pets, bicycles, skateboards, rollerblades, trail vehicles, littering and loitering.
- Hanging items on tree branches.
- Regrettably, we cannot be responsible for anything placed at the grave or crypt site.



## CREMATION AND THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

# More Did You Know?

The Catholic Church has officially allowed cremation since 1963 with the expectation that the body would be brought to the Church for the funeral liturgy followed by cremation. More recently, the Holy See has authorized the celebration of funeral liturgies in the United States with cremated remains present. According to the Order of Christian Funerals, "The cremated remains of a body should be treated with the same respect given to the human body from which they come. This includes the use of a worthy vessel to contain the ashes, the manner in which they are carried, the care and attention to appropriate placement and transport and the final disposition. The cremated remains should be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium. The

practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, on the ground, or keeping cremated remains in the home of a relative or friend of the deceased are not the reverent disposition that the Church requires." (Order # 417) This is why the burial of ashes in the earth or placement in a tomb or columbarium is called for. The Catholic Church desires to keep holy the burial places of the dead – and to make them places of prayer. This is why it is always desirable to commit the remains of our loved ones in a blessed cemetery with appropriate marks of remembrance. For more information on cremation and the proper disposition of cremated remains please contact The Catholic Cemeteries Association by calling 1-877-886-7526.



# The preferred planning tool for Catholic families

Approved and Endorsed by The Diocese of Pittsburgh



*“The Catholic Funeral Plan™ is an important planning tool to insure that our funeral arrangements are carried out in conformity with our faith and the norms of the Church, and to insure that they are carried out according to your wishes.”*

*--Bishop David A. Zubik*

## The Secure, Sensible Choice for the Future...

Why more than 8 in 10 families\* recommend The Catholic Funeral Plan™

- You control the funds until needed
- Flexibility to make changes with no penalty
- All excess funds returned to the family
- Freedom to choose any funeral home
- Endorsed by Elder Law Professionals
- Security for your monies
- No binding contracts
- Nationwide protection
- Endorsed by the Diocese of Pittsburgh
- 24,000+ Catholics have chosen the plan

Before you pre-plan any funeral arrangements, find out about the many advantages of The Catholic Funeral Plan™. You will be happy that you did.



Please do not wait~  
Call Today!

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\*Results of an independent study conducted by Campos Market Research of Pittsburgh

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**All Saints Catholic Cemetery**  
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**Calvary Catholic Cemetery**  
718 Hazelwood Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15217-2807  
412-421-9959

**Christ Our Redeemer Catholic Cemetery**  
204 Cemetery Lane  
Pittsburgh, PA 15237-2722  
412-931-2206

**Good Shepherd Catholic Cemetery**  
733 Patton Street  
Monroeville, PA 15146-4530  
412-824-0355

**Holy Savior Catholic Cemetery**  
4629 Bakerstown Road  
Gibsonia, PA 15044-8993  
724-625-3822

**Holy Souls Catholic Cemetery**  
100 Resurrection Road  
Moon Township, PA 15108-7759  
724-695-2999

**Mount Carmel Catholic Cemetery**  
7601 Mount Carmel Road  
Verona, PA 15147-1518  
412-241-1260

**Our Lady of Hope Catholic Cemetery**  
1898 Bakerstown Road  
Tarentum, PA 15084-3213  
724-224-2785

**Queen of Heaven Catholic Cemetery**  
2900 Washington Road  
McMurray, PA 15317-3278  
724-941-7601

**Resurrection Catholic Cemetery**  
100 Resurrection Road  
Moon Township, PA 15108-7759  
724-695-2999

**Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery**  
97 Sacred Heart Road  
Monongahela, PA 15063-9605

**St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery**  
1443 Lincoln Road  
North Versailles, PA 15137-2448  
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**St. Mary Catholic Cemetery**  
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**St. Stanislaus Catholic Cemetery**  
**St. Anthony Catholic Cemetery**  
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