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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.

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OUR CATHOLIC CEMETERIES: A PLACE FOR HOPE AND REFLECTION

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

The death of a loved one touches each of us in a deeply personal way. As we enter the gates of any of our sixteen diocesan cemeteries, we cannot help but reflect on the beauty of our salvation as we prayerfully remember our own loved ones, resting there in peace in Christ. That is a part of the beauty of our Catholic cemeteries - they are visual reminders of the Paschal Mystery, the dying and rising of Christ in which we all share.

Our Catholic cemeteries are sacred places, reminding us that those who die in Christ await the resurrection on the last day. It is a tangible expression of our confidence in Christ's promise that "we shall also be united with Him in the resurrection" (Romans 6:5).

Burial within a Catholic cemetery is a public declaration of our faith as Catholic Christians. It is the place that reminds us to hold a joyful hope for Christ's return in glory, with all those who have gone before us, marked with a sign of faith.

Our Catholic cemeteries are also visual reminders of the need to prepare for your own death. Such preparation makes us ready for that moment that God will call us. Such preparation also lessens the burdens of

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our loved ones at the time of our passing. It is a loving and considerate thing to do for those we will leave behind.

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Putting those plans in place now becomes a testimony to both our faith and our love to our family. By making preparations for burial in a Catholic cemetery, we declare our faith in the resurrection of the body, while also relieving our family of having to make those final arrangements for us at a very difficult time.

Our Catholic cemeteries continue to be a great source of comfort. May they be so for you and your loved ones.

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

Your brother in Christ,

+ Davie A. Zulik

Most Reverend David A. Zubik Bishop of Pittsburgh



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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CCA

We are seeking your support

THE CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION

of the Diocese of Pittsburgh

D ear Friends of The Catholic Cemeteries Association:

More than sixty years have passed since The Catholic Cemeteries Association (CCA) was founded in 1952 and now owns and operates 16 cemetery and mausoleum locations within the diocese serving thousands of Catholic families each year. Our Mission Statement reads:

"The Catholic Cemeteries Association is a nonprofit corporation of the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh. Its mission 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."

Continuing to operate and provide such high levels of service in today's economy is obviously difficult. We work very hard to make sure that every cemetery location is well maintained and economically accessible to all families that enter our gates. Because of this, it is more important now than ever that we ask for your help in the form of a generous donation. There are various ways in which you may donate. Some of these include:

- Memorial Gifts
- Gifts through Wills and Life Insurance
- Gift Annuities
- Gifts of Cash and Appreciated Stock
- Foundation and Corporate Gifts
- Donate back unused or unwanted burial spaces for the less fortunate

Your tax deductible donation is a gift for the future of The Catholic Cemeteries Association ... your gift allows us to continue with our mission of service.

A return envelope is enclosed with this newsletter for your convenience. Please make your checks payable to The Catholic Cemeteries Association. If you would like your gift to be in memory of a loved one or friend, please include their name(s). These individuals will be remembered at one of our monthly memorial prayer services. We thank you in advance for your very kind and generous support. May God bless you and your family.

Sincerely,

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DEDICATED TO ENRICHING THE LIVES OF OUR EMPLOYEES Meet Sister Pat, Pastoral Consultant

onsoling the bereaved and praying for the dead are vital aspects of our Mission Statement. For the past 16 years these have been under the direction of Sister Patricia M. Buranosky OSF, Pastoral Consultant for The Catholic Cemeteries Association. Sister Pat and her support team of local priests, sisters, deacons and other pastoral ministers carry out our Mission in many ways, some of which are by conducting the committal services for funerals, leading monthly Memorial Prayer Services as well as the All Souls Memorial Prayer Service (also known

as Cemetery Sunday) held on the first Sunday in November. Monthly

Memorial Prayer Services are conducted throughout the year within the chapels at many of our cemetery locations.



Sister Patricia M. Buranosky OSF **Pastoral Consultant**

The dates for these services are published in the Pittsburgh Catholic newspaper. All of these services are very personal and meaningful and are open to anyone who would like to attend and pray for and remember deceased loved ones or friends.

Sister Pat is also dedicated to enriching the religious lives of all of our employees. She does this by meeting with employees and providing education and guidance of our Mission Statement and teachings of the Church as it relates to death and resurrection.

If you would like additional information on any of the Prayer Services

please call your local cemetery directly or you may call the CCA toll free at 877-886-7526





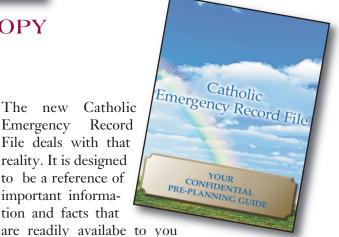


EVERY CATHOLIC NEEDS A COPY New and Improved 2014

he Catholic Cemeteries Association is proud to reveal the new and improved Catholic Emergency Record File. The Association has been providing these important booklets to Catholic families for more than twenty years. It has recently been updated and undergone a complete revision to accommodate today's Catholic families.

In our respective occupations and our professions we are all accustomed to the need for accurate record keeping. In our personal lives, however, we usually keep inadequate written records of our financial and personal concerns. The potential for confusion increases with each passing year, and may complicate matters upon one's death.

The new Catholic Emergency Record File deals with that reality. It is designed to be a reference of important information and facts that



now, but which may be difficult or impossible to learn in your absence.

We invite you to request your free copy of the Catholic Emergencey Record File by returning the prepaid mailing card attached in this newsletter or by calling us at 877-886-7526.

we are updating our technology Visit us online at www.ccapgh.org

O ur website, www.ccapgh.org is being completely redesigned and reorganized for your convenience with some exciting new options and features. One of these new features on our site will allow visitors the ability to search the burial records for our cemeteries. This gives you the opportunity to find your loved ones and identify the specific cemetery and section location. Another new feature is the ability to purchase your holiday wreaths for placement at the cemetery within the comfort of your home by using our E-commerce site. Be sure to visit our website and check out the new look for yourself!

Do you like us? If you do, please "Like" us on Facebook and follow us on Google+. We encourage those who have family and friends buried in our cemeteries to connect with us. It is our goal to provide the latest information regarding cemetery projects, events and news through both outlets. We are also a part of the business oriented networking service LinkedIn for career minded individuals. We are also excited to announce our upcoming projects, such as our mobile website. This will be a slimmed-down version of our main website with the goal to better accommodate those visiting using their mobile devices. This mobile version will provide users with our most popular pages for simplified viewing. Also in development is our mobile app. Both iPhone

and Android users will be able to download the app that will allow them to search our burial records and other useful information.



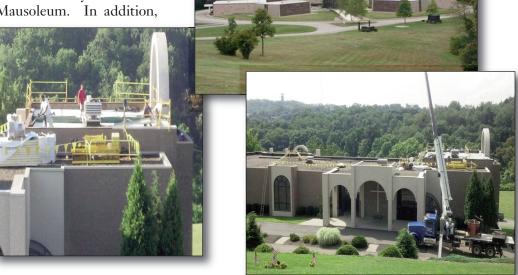
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If you have any questions or comments on any of our updates, please feel free to contact CCA's Marketing and Social Media Coordinator Emily Meeder at Meeder@ccapgh.org

RENOVATION AND RESTORATION Property Maintenance and Improvements

D uring this past year The Catholic Cemeteries Association has undertaken some very large renovation and restoration projects. Two of the largest projects were replacement roofs for the St. Lazarus dome mausoleum complex at Resurrection Cemetery and Christ Our Redeemer Cemetery Mausoleum. In addition,

many roadways were resurfaced at All Saints, St. Stanislaus, Anthony St. and Calvary Cemeteries. As we move into the spring and summer seasons our work crews will be out and about again this year carrying out our Mission by caring for the resting places of the faithfully departed.



CONTINUALLY IMPROVING YOUR CEMETERIES Project Updates for 2014

he Catholic Cemeteries Association Planning and Development Department continues to be very busy insuring that our cemeteries are up to date with the latest offerings to better serve you. We have many active projects within the organization, some of which are listed below. For more information on these or any of our projects please call toll free 877-886-7526.

Resurrection Catholic Cemetery, Moon Township is excited to announce that it has been approved to begin offering pre-construction sales and discounts for its latest mausoleum project. It will be situated adjacent to the existing Holy Angels Chapel Mausoleum property. The new Saint Michael the Archangel Mausoleum will consist of more than 700 internal and external crypt and niche spaces along with a beautiful committal chapel.

> Holy Souls Catholic Cemetery, Robinson Township continues its preconstruction sales with attractive discounts. This beautifully designed mausoleum and chapel will stand atop the cemetery offering stunning panoramic views of the area. The Holy Souls Chapel Mausoleum will consist of 742 crypts and 326 niche spaces.

Good Shepherd Catholic Cemetery, Monroeville is once again expanding its very popular mausoleum complex with the addition of the Saint Luke Garden Mausoleum. Pre-construction sales of the 420 crypt spaces continue to be very strong with ground-breaking scheduled for the very near future.

Cremation Niche Spaces continue to increase in popularity each year throughout the diocese. Because of this increase we have installed beautiful glass front niches at both Resurrection Cemetery Mausoleum and

throughout the diocese. Because of this increase in popularity each year ful glass front niches at both Resurrection Cemetery Mausoleum and Christ Our Redeemer Cemetery Mausoleum. These niche spaces are available in individual and companion size and each niche is perfectly lighted allowing easy viewing of the personalized memorial urn providing a very personal visit for family and friends.

Holy Savior Catholic Cemetery and Mausoleum, Pine and Richland Townships continues to move forward with the addition of the Saint Francis of Assisi Green Burial Section. Since the project announcement last year, the section has been graded and seeded. The wild flowers have been planted in abundance assuring that this year it will be full of beautiful and vibrant color. Indeed, it will be a beautiful and peaceful place to visit.











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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

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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

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