

2016

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: PLACES OF MERCY

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

My dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

"The mercies of the Lord are not exhausted, they are renewed each day"
(Lamentations 3:22).

Pope Francis proclaimed this Jubilee Year of Mercy to remind all of humanity of this eternal truth conveyed in the book of Lamentations.

What a beautiful truth of faith this is for our lives: the mercy of God! God's love for us is so great, so deep; it is an unfailing love, one that always takes us by the hand and supports us, lifts us up and leads us on. (Pope Francis, Homily Jar the Mass Jar the Possession of the Chair of the Bishop of Rome, April 7, 2013)

Our sixteen Catholic cemeteries are places of God's mercy, where we come to experience His unfailing love. In quiet moments in these sacred places throughout our diocese, you and I experience God's love lifting us up and leading us on through our grief.

During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis is encouraging followers of Jesus to practice the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Jesus introduces us to the works of mercy in His preaching so that we can know whether or not we are living as His disciples. Let us rediscover these corporal works of mercy: to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, heal the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead. And let us



not forget the spiritual works of mercy: to counsel the doubtful, instruct the ignorant, admonish sinners, comfort the afflicted, forgive offences, bear patiently those who do us ill, and pray for the living and the dead. The works of mercy to bury the dead and pray for those who have died are perfected in our Catholic cemeteries.

This past August, my dear father, Stanley, was laid to rest in a Catholic cemetery of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. He is right next to my mom. During my own visits to their burial place, I have found the mercy of God: in the kindness of the staff; in the beauty of the mausoleum; in the tranquility of the silence; in remembering all who accompanied me on this final journey with my dad and my mom; and most especially in our belief that our loved ones have an eternal dwelling prepared for them by Christ.

The mercies of the Lord are not exhausted! They are renewed each and every day in our Catholic Cemeteries. Grateful for our belief that "Nothing is Impossible with God," I am

Your brother in Christ,

+ David A. Zubik

Most Reverend David A. Zubik
Bishop of Pittsburgh



INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- + Creating forever memories, page 2
- + The Catholic Funeral Plan™, page 3
- + Our products and services, page 4
- + Green Burial & Special events, page 5
- + Our cemetery directory, page 6



2016

CELEBRATE AND HONOR YOUR LOVED ONE Memories That Will Last Forever

We all have meaningful memories of the special people and events that have touched and shaped our lives. Our mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, aunts, uncles and grandparents, just to name a few, are most often the people and memories that we hold so dear to our hearts. Creating an online memorial dedicated to your loved one is a wonderful opportunity to pay tribute to him or her and it gives you a chance to share your treasured memories of your loved one with everyone.

The Catholic Cemeteries Association is very pleased to offer you a way to share your personal memories of departed loved ones with family and friends for generations to come. Our website, www.ccapgh.org, has very special features that allow you to post tributes, military history, obituaries, videos and photographs. It is an easy process and can become a meaningful and loving family project.

On our website you will celebrate and honor the legacy of your loved one's life and inspire family and friends to do the same. Share messages of support and remembrance while connecting with each other. Through shared personal tales and reflections, this lasting online memorial continues the life story of your loved one.



DID YOU KNOW?

Resting Places for Our Veterans

Did you know that The Catholic Cemeteries Association provides final resting places in its cemeteries honoring those that have faithfully served our country? Did you know that these very special burial sections are unique in that they provide burial space for the veteran and spouse and also for other family members? Available are gravesites in any of our 15 cemeteries, opening and closing of the grave and perpetual care. A government headstone or marker and a burial flag, are available at no cost to the family. Some Veterans may also be eligible for Burial Allowances that may reduce some of the expenses. Cremated remains are buried or inurned in our cemeteries in the same manner and with the same honors as casketed remains. Eligible spouses and family members may be buried, even if they predecease the Veteran. You

should advise your family of your wishes and where your discharge papers are kept. These papers are very important in establishing your eligibility for these benefits. Call or visit our website today for full details.



Catholic Cemeteries -

718 Hazelwood Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15217-2807
412-521-9133

VISIT US ON THE WEB:
www.ccapgh.org
www.catholicfuneralplan.com

THE CATHOLIC FUNERAL PLAN™

The People's Choice for Funeral Planning

This year marks the 17th anniversary. The Catholic Funeral Plan™ has been available as a funeral planning alternative for Catholics. Since its inception more than 20,000 families have enrolled in the Plan and nearly 5,000 families have experienced the benefits of the Plan. The Catholic Funeral Plan™ is the people's choice for funeral planning. Here are some of the reasons why:

Service Representatives are available 24/7 to help and assist your family at the time of a death. They will guide them through the funeral process, share your funeral preference with your family, disclose only to your family the funds available to pay for the funeral, and review the funeral bill. We are there to assure that your wishes are carried out, and only after all is reviewed and checked is the funeral home paid.

Flexibility- Unlike most pre-need plans, enrollees in The Catholic Funeral Plan™ have no contractual obligation to use any particular funeral home, and you are free to change any of your funeral preferences including the funeral home, without a penalty; often a contractual term associated with most other pre-need plans. The Plan can be used at any funeral home in the United States.

Control- Instead of turning control of your funds over to the funeral home, enrollees in The Catholic Funeral Plan™ maintain complete control of the funds and how they are dispersed. You or a designated beneficiary control the funds. You can verify the value of the Plan at any time and your beneficiary will know the exact amount available at the time of your death. Funds not used for your funeral are returned to your family instead of the funeral home.



Transparency- When you are enrolled in The Catholic Funeral Plan™ your family knows all the details you desired for your funeral, including the precise amount of funds available and how they were spent. Since your family follows your instructions and makes the selection of the services at the time of your death, there are never questions as to what is included, what merchandise was selected, how much funds were available, and how they were spent. Common questions often occurring with other pre-need plans.

Medicaid- Funds placed in The Catholic Funeral Plan™ do not disqualify the enrollee for Medicaid or Veterans benefits. Funds transferred are exempt and, therefore; the Plan can be funded until the time of application for Medicaid. These funds are protected and will be available to be used for your funeral expenses. Excess funds are not subject to the estate recovery.

Simple- Enrollment in the Plan is straight forward and simple. Answer a few questions about your preferences on funeral and religious services you desire, select an appropriate amount of funding, and the length of time you wish to fund the Plan and you are done. No need to go to a funeral home, select a casket and vault, or make other uncomfortable decisions.

Catholic- The Catholic Funeral Plan™ was specifically designed for Catholics. It is unique in that it incorporates your religious preference with your funeral preferences. The Plan was founded to allow Catholics to have a funeral consistent with their beliefs and the funeral and burial traditions of the Catholic Church. It is the only funeral plan approved by the Catholic Church.

*“Since its inception
more than 20,000
families have enrolled
in the plan...”*

For all these reasons The Catholic Funeral Plan™ has become the people's choice for those wishing to plan for this eventual need. The Plan is the secure, safe and sensible way to plan for one's funeral.

For more information on The Catholic Funeral Plan™ call 1-877-866-7526 or complete the attached reply card.

2201 Babcock Boulevard, Suite 1
Pittsburgh, PA 15237
Toll free 1-877-886-7526
www.catholicfuneralplan.com

We Offer So Many Products and Services

Bronze Memorials

- With custom portraits
- Veterans' spouse matching
- Refinishing

Burial fee pre-payment

- Guaranteed inflation protection

The Catholic Funeral Plan™

- Complete funeral pre-planning

Cremation options

- Gravesites and 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

Gravesites

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

Mausoleum entombment

- Private family mausoleums
- Community mausoleums

Memorial Benches

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

Please Be Reminded

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.



A Beautiful Tribute



St. Francis of Assisi Green Burial Section - Holy Savior

Green, or natural burial is a way of caring for the dead with minimal environmental impact that aids in the conservation of natural resources, reduction of carbon emissions, protection of worker health, and the restoration and/or preservation of habitat. The St. Francis of Assisi Green Burial Section located in Holy Savior Catholic Cemetery (Pine/Richland Townships) is a natural tribute to one's life. To learn more about green burial please call 1-877-886-7526 and one of our professionals will be happy to get you the details.

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



PUBLIC SPEAKERS? We Have Them!

If your group is looking for a speaker at your next gathering, The Catholic Cemeteries Association has speakers available. Topics include: Estate Planning, Medicaid Planning, Pre-planning for Cemetery, Funeral and Cremation. To check availability or schedule a speaker for your next event please call 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 !



Sacred Music in Sacred Space Concert - October 11, 2015
Our Lady of the Rosary Mausoleum
Calvary Catholic Cemetery



The sensible choice 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
- 21,000+ 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!

2201 Babcock Boulevard, Suite 1
Pittsburgh, PA 15237
Toll free 1-877-886-7526
www.catholicfuneralplan.com

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



YES! WE HAVE A DIOCESAN CEMETERY NEAR YOU!

All Saints Catholic Cemetery
1560 Brinton Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15221-4899
412-271-5950

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
724-258-2885

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery
1443 Lincoln Highway
North Versailles, PA 15137-2448
412-823-9111

St. Mary Catholic Cemetery
Penn Avenue & 45th Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15224
412-421-9959

St. Stanislaus Catholic Cemetery
St. Anthony Catholic Cemetery
700 Soose Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15209-1544
412-821-4324

THE CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION

**718 Hazelwood Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15217-2807
412-521-9133**