

# 2017

## 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: A PLACE OF WITNESS

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

My dear friends in Christ:

If you are reading this newsletter of The Catholic Cemeteries Association of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, most likely you have recently visited one of our 16 diocesan cemeteries. Hopefully your visit was a comforting one, marked by fond memories and special prayers for your deceased loved ones.

Have you ever wondered why we have Catholic cemeteries? Certainly there are sufficient non-sectarian cemeteries in this region and throughout most of the developed world. With an adequate supply of public burial grounds, why does the Church develop and maintain her own?

The reason is really quite simple. The Catholic cemetery is but a stopping point on our journey of faith. If we hold the Church's teachings to be true, then we believe that Christ will raise our mortal bodies on the last day. Our journey of faith is not ended until all who were faithful in this life are gathered into His Kingdom for all eternity. The Catholic cemetery is where the remains of the faithful await together that glorious day.

Catholic cemeteries are places of witness, where all who are buried there attest to their belief in the resurrection of the body and life everlasting, even in death. Just as Catholics worship God together in life, so too do we wait together in death for the fulfillment of His promises. That is the profound purpose of the



Catholic cemetery—to proclaim Christ's promises and our sure and certain belief in the fulfillment of those promises.

The Catholic cemetery is a visible sign of the Communion of Saints, the spiritual union of all Christians, living and dead. We, the living, join in prayerful remembrance of those who have “gone before us marked with the sign of Faith”

and ask their intercession before God on our behalf. Catholic cemeteries are truly profound experiences of what it means to be Church!

May our Catholic cemeteries be a source of great comfort and hope to you on your own journey of faith.

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



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## GREEN BURIAL A New Gazebo

With the increasing popularity of Green Burial, Holy Savior Catholic Cemetery located in Pine and Richland Townships on Bakerstown Road, Gibsonia has recently installed a beautifully hand crafted wooden gazebo. The gazebo is a wonderful addition to Holy Savior Cemetery and the St. Francis of Assisi Green Burial Site where it is used for Committal Services, Prayer Services and also as a quiet space for personal reflection.



*“May their souls and the souls of all the faithfully departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen”*

### IT IS PERMITTED

## Cremation and the Catholic Church



The Catholic Church officially allowed cremation in 1963. The change was incorporated into Canon Law in 1983. The Church still prefers the practice of the burial of the body of the deceased. However, if cremation is chosen, it is strongly preferred that it takes place after the actual funeral liturgy with the body 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. The cremated remains should be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium. The practice of scattering cremated remains or keeping cremated remains in the home of a relative or friend of the deceased are not the reverent disposition that the Church requires.” For more information regarding Catholic Cremation please call 1-877-886-7526 or visit one of our offices and ask for your complimentary copy of “Cremation and Catholic Funeral Rites”.

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DID YOU KNOW?

## 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: [www.ccapgh.org](http://www.ccapgh.org)

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Baby Grand Piano generously  
donated to  
Calvary Catholic Cemetery

## GIFTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS Need A Tax Deduction?

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 entering 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
- Sacred Music Concerts



Sacred Music in Sacred Space Concert - October 16, 2016  
Our Lady of the Rosary Mausoleum  
Calvary Catholic Cemetery



# THE CATHOLIC FUNERAL PLAN™

## The sensible choice for Catholic families

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### What is The Catholic Funeral Plan™?

It is a faith-based planning alternative for Catholic families who wish to make the decisions about their funeral ahead of time. The Plan assures that your decision will be carried out in the manner you requested and in the Catholic tradition.

*Approved and Endorsed by The Diocese of Pittsburgh*

- You maintain control of your funeral arrangements
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\*funded by a life insurance policy



*“This plan saved my life- twice! It took away the worry and fear of paying for the funeral and allowed me to grieve. I thank my parents for loving me so much that they bought this plan.”*



### WANT MORE INFORMATION?

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### 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

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