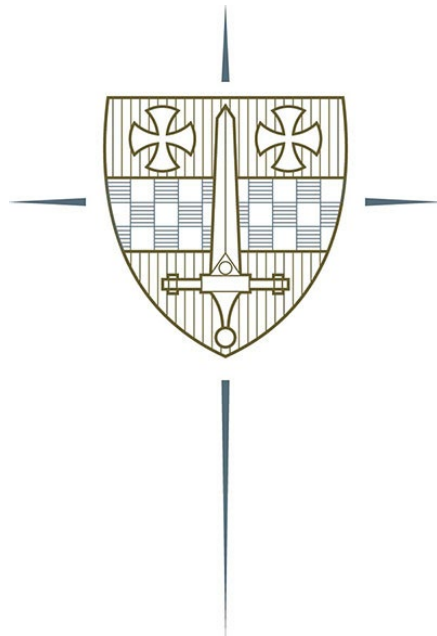


**RULES AND
REGULATIONS OF**

**THE CATHOLIC CEMETERIES
ASSOCIATION**

of the Diocese of Pittsburgh,
Pennsylvania



Creed

We acknowledge that the Catholic cemetery is established to carry out the sacred religious function of the burial and care for the resting places of the deceased.

We accept the responsibility of implementing this religious function under the direction and supervision of the local Church authority.

We believe in and are firmly committed to the teachings and rich tradition of the Catholic Church with regard to the deceased and the sacredness of the cemeteries in which their bodies rest.

We recognize the deep religious significance of the Corporal Work of Mercy involved in the burial of the dead and reverence for the deceased.

We are dedicated to the respectful care of the people of God who even in death remain a part of the whole Christian community.

We are committed to encouraging Catholic prayer and devotion for our deceased brothers and sisters especially in our cemeteries.

We will oppose any effort to minimize or destroy any of the Catholic teachings that relate to death, burial and devotion to the departed souls.

We will proclaim through our words, work and example the sacredness of the human body, the belief in the Resurrection, and the Christian virtue of Hope.

MISSION STATEMENT

"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 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."

INTRODUCTION

Catholic cemeteries exist because of our belief in the resurrection of the body, in some new shape or form, at the end of time. If there were no promise of resurrection and eternal life, there would be no need for Catholic cemeteries.

The Canon Law of the Church states that the Catholic cemetery is a sacred place. The Church provides cemeteries to carry out the sacred religious functions of burial and to care for the resting places of the deceased (canon 1205). Just as the human body deserves to be treated with respect and dignity in life, so should it be treated in death.

The Catholic cemetery, then, is sacred, not only because of a blessing or consecration, but also by the sacred function that it performs on behalf of the entire Christian community. It holds the bodies of believers, once temples of the Holy Spirit, until the Lord comes again in glory. It is sacred because it is a place where prayer and liturgy are celebrated. It serves as a symbol of the extended community of believers, a community unbroken by death. Christians are citizens of two cities: heaven and earth (*Gaudium et Spes*, #43). As its core function and purpose, the Catholic cemetery, in union with the whole Church, helps to illuminate the path as we make our pilgrimage from earth to heaven.¹

To ensure the sacred character of the cemeteries operated by The Catholic Cemeteries Association of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, in accord with the mind and traditional practice of the Church, and to establish and maintain good order, the following rules and regulations are in effect.



RULES AND REGULATIONS

of The Catholic Cemeteries Association of the Diocese of Pittsburgh

For the mutual protection and benefit of plot holders in the cemeteries of The Catholic Cemeteries Association, the board of trustees of said Association, under the presidency of the Most Reverend Bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, hereby adopts the following rules and regulations. All plot holders and persons within the cemeteries, and all plots, shall be subject to said rules and regulations and such amendments or alterations thereof or additions thereto as shall be adopted by the board of trustees of The Catholic Cemeteries Association, or by the bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh, from time to time; and the reference to these rules and regulations in the document conveying the right of interment shall have the same force and effect as if set forth in full therein.

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DEFINITIONS

1-A. The term "management" shall mean the person or persons duly appointed by the Ordinary of the Diocese of Pittsburgh for the purpose of conducting and administering the cemeteries owned and operated by The Catholic Cemeteries Association of the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

1-B. The term "care" shall mean that general care of the cemeteries as herein defined.

1-C. The term "cemetery" as used herein shall mean all the property for earth burials, any mausoleum for crypt entombments, and any niche for inurnment.

1-D. "Crypt" shall mean a space in a mausoleum of sufficient size to be used to entomb human remains.

1-E. "Entombment" shall herein mean burial above ground in a mausoleum crypt or niche.

1-F. "Grave" shall mean a space of ground in a cemetery used, or intended to be used, for the burial of human remains.

1-G. "Niche" shall mean a space in a columbarium of sufficient size to entomb cremated human remains.

1-H. By the term "interment" is meant earth burial, entombment or inurnment.

1-I. The term "plot" shall include and apply to one or more than one adjoining grave, or one or more than one adjoining crypt or one or more than one adjoining niche.

1-J. The term "plot holder" shall include person or persons who have purchased interment, entombment or inurnment rights, or who hold same by right of inheritance, owner designation or transfer.

1-K. The term "memorial" shall include monument, tombstone, headstone, grave marker,

or tablet, or inscription on niche front, crypt front or fronts, for one or more deceased persons.

1-L. The term "Association" shall mean The Catholic Cemeteries Association of the Diocese of Pittsburgh and any of the cemeteries owned or operated by them.

II PURPOSE OF CEMETERIES

2-A. The cemeteries are intended for the interment of Catholics who are entitled to Christian burial according to the rules and discipline of the Catholic Church. Any question of the burial of a non-Catholic or of any person not entitled to Christian burial according to the rules and discipline of the Catholic Church, shall be decided exclusively by the management appointed by the bishop, and such decision shall be final and binding on the parties. Plots may be used for the interment of human remains only.

2-B. The purchaser of a grave, crypt or niche does not acquire a fee simple interest in the property but only a right of internment, or entombment therein.

2-C. No internment shall be permitted until such time as full payment has been received for the space.

III ADMISSION TO CEMETERIES

3-A. The management reserves the right to refuse admission to any cemetery and to refuse the use of any cemetery equipment or facilities at any time to any person or persons, as the rules, judgment, and tradition may dictate.

IV ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTERMENTS

4-A. The management shall have the right to require those wishing to make a selection of a plot, or arrange for an interment, to call the cemetery office in ample time to complete arrangements before closing time of such cemetery office. Plot holder or next of kin of the deceased must visit the cemetery office personally to verify location to be opened and to sign the interment authorization.

4-B. No organizations, except those approved by the Ordinary of the Diocese, and patriotic organizations, will be permitted to conduct services in any cemetery.

4-C. The management shall not be liable for any order given by telephone, facsimile, or email on any error occurring from the want of proper instructions as to the size of the casket, or as to the particular grave or crypt locations where interment is to be made. The management reserves the right to make an equitable charge whenever additional labor costs result from such errors.

4-D. The management shall be in no way liable for any delay in the interment of a body where a protest to the interment has been made, or where the rules and regulations have not been complied with, or where said rules and regulations shall forbid such interment; and, further, said management reserves the right, under such circumstances, to place the body in a temporary crypt until full rights have been determined. Any protest may be required to be in writing and filed in the cemetery office.

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INTERMENT PROCEDURE

5-A. All funerals on entering a cemetery shall be under the exclusive charge and sole direction of the management.

5-B. A Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Health Bureau of Vital Statistics permit or a permit from an appropriate State Authority for funerals from outside the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania must be presented to management before an interment can be performed.

5-C. The management shall not be liable for obtaining the permit from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Health Bureau of Vital Statistics or other State Authority nor shall it be responsible for the accuracy of the data contained therein or for the identity of the person to be interred.

5-D. The casket may not be opened at any time within a cemetery without the express permission (and in the presence) of the management. The management reserves the right to refuse permission to anyone to open the casket or to touch the body without the consent of the legal representative of the deceased or without a court order or an order from the duly-constituted civil authority having jurisdiction. In the event necessity requires, the management may take appropriate steps to correct any obnoxious or improper condition.

5-E. The interment of cremated remains will be permitted in accordance with the provisions of Canon Law and Diocesan statutes.

5-F. No disinterment or removal shall be allowed except with the permission of the management and with written authorization of plot holder if possible and nearest of kin or by court order except as provided hereinafter. Written authorization of the plot holder for a disinterment, disentombment or disinurnment shall not be required if the plot holder gave written authorization for the interment and entombment or inurnment of the deceased. In certain cases, at the discretion of the management, permission from the Chancery of the Diocese of Pittsburgh may also be required.

5-G. The management shall exercise due care in making a disinterment and removal, but it shall assume no liability for the damage to any casket, burial case or memorial incurred in making the disinterment and removal. The cost of a replacement vault, casket and memorial shall be the financial responsibility of the person requesting the disinterment, disentombment or disinurnment.

5-H. The management shall have the right to designate the hour and manner in which interments, disinterments, and removals will or will not be permitted. All interments, disinterments, and removals shall be subject to the payment of such charges as may be fixed by the management.

5-I. Besides being subject to the rules and regulations contained herein, all interments and removals shall be subject to the orders and laws of the properly constituted authorities of the city, county and state, including the regulations of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Health Bureau of Vital Statistics.

5-J. Only persons employed by The Catholic Cemeteries Association, and only equipment controlled by said Association, shall be used in making interments, disinterments, or removals, unless the management makes other arrangements.

5-K. Cemetery personnel will not be held responsible for damages or injuries resulting from defects in burial vaults, caskets, concrete cases and lids thereof when they set, handle or seal vaults, caskets, concrete cases or lids or maintain the same

VI CORRECTION OF ERRORS

6-A. The management reserves, and shall have, the right to correct any errors that may be made by it either in making interments, disinterments or removals, or in the description, transfer, or conveyance of any rights or plot, either by canceling such conveyance and substituting and conveying in lieu thereof other interment rights or plot of equal value and similar location as far as possible, as may be selected by the management, or, in the sole discretion of the management, by refunding money paid on account of said purchase. In the event any such error shall involve the interment of the remains of any person in any plot, the management reserves, and shall have, the right to remove and reinter the remains in such other plot of equal value and similar location as may be substituted and conveyed in lieu thereof.

VII INSTRUCTIONS TO PLOT HOLDERS AND PLOT HOLDERS RIGHTS

7-A. The plot holder or next of kin of the deceased is required to visit the cemetery office in person to arrange for all interments, where the management will aid them in effecting the necessary arrangements.

7-B. The management reserves the right to specify the terms of purchase of all interment rights in plots and the manner in which said right shall be held or exercised.

7-C. Should the plot holder fail to carry out the terms of the purchase agreement, the management may declare said agreement cancelled and all rights of the purchaser in and to the plot forfeited. In the event of such default the management reserves, and shall have, the right immediately or at any time thereafter, without notice, at its discretion, to remove to single graves, to be chosen by the management, each of the remains then interred in said

plot. The management, further, shall have the right to remove any memorial that may have been placed on said plot.

7-D. No coping, curbing, fencing, hedging, borders, or enclosures of any kind shall be allowed around the plot or around any grave. The management reserves the right to remove same, without notice, if so erected, planted, or placed.

7-E. All grave interments shall be made with an outside liner or burial vault approved by management and manufactured in accordance with specifications determined by management. Any variations of this rule must be approved in advance by the management.

7-F. Digging around the perimeter of a memorial is prohibited and management is not responsible for damage to memorials when there is evidence of such digging.

7-G. Management reserves the right to permit or authorize the number of interments in one grave, crypt or niche. The management may exercise this right with reference to single crypts or single graves or any section of graves. An additional fee is required to use a single burial space for more than one interment.

7-H. Interment of non-Catholics will be permitted in the cemeteries under the conditions required by the regulations of the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

7-I. The use of plot is for the plot holder or plot holder's relatives for interment only, and not for resale or profit. The Catholic Cemeteries Association of the Diocese of Pittsburgh may in its sole discretion purchase unoccupied graves, crypts and niches. In such event, the amount paid shall be equal to the original purchase price. Assignment of use or transfer of ownership of any grave, crypt or niche shall be subject to the Rules, Regulations and Procedures of The Catholic Cemeteries Association and no transfer of interest or assignment shall be valid without the written consent of the Association. Alternatively, the original plot holder may convey interment rights to another Catholic person who meets the criteria set forth for burial in a Catholic cemetery, provided such transfer is recorded in the records of the cemetery and the appropriate administrative fees are paid.

7-J. In the event of death of a plot holder, any and all privileges of the plot holder shall pass to the plot holder's family subject to the cemetery rules, regulations and procedures in the following manner:

- a) The spouse of the owner of any plot containing more than one interment space has a vested right of interment of his/her remains in the plot, which right may terminate upon remarriage.
- b) If the plot holder shall have filed written instructions at the cemetery office as to which member or members of his/her family shall succeed to the rights of said plot, said instructions will be recognized by the management, and will be followed if in the judgment of said management such instructions are definite, reasonable, and practical, subject, however, to a vested right of interment of the surviving spouse. No burial shall be permitted on an occupied grave or crypt unless written instruction at the cemetery office that the plot holder intended to permit additional burials.

- c) If no valid or sufficient written instructions shall have been filed, or if valid and sufficient instructions are in conflict with a later will, and the plot holder has left instructions in said will, duly admitted to probate in a court having jurisdiction thereof, (subject, however, to a vested right of interment of a surviving spouse), such instructions shall control, provided they are not in conflict with the cemetery rules and regulations and provided the cemetery is furnished with proof of the same.
- d) In the absence of valid and sufficient instructions filed by the plot holder or a duly probated will, the rights of interment shall devolve upon those entitled to succeed thereto under the intestate laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- e) In a conveyance to two or more persons as joint tenants, each tenant has a vested right of interment in the plot conveyed. Upon the death of a joint tenant, the title to the plot held in joint tenancy immediately vests in the surviving joint tenant or tenants, subject to the vested right of interment of the remains of the deceased joint tenant and the surviving spouse of the deceased joint tenant.
- f) Certification on the approved form and witnessed by a cemetery representative and by a person having knowledge of the facts is complete authorization to management to permit the use of the unoccupied portion of the plot by the person entitled to the use of it provided that this person certifies plot owner is deceased and that the deceased is a person entitled to use the plot.

VIII SERVICE CHARGES AND PAYMENTS

8-A. The management shall have a right to fix a charge and time of payment for each interment, disinterment, removal, plot transferred or released, and for the performance of any other service rendered by the management; and all work in connection with such service shall be subject to the determination and supervision of said management.

8-B. Any indebtedness due for work performed on a plot must be paid before an interment in the plot may be made, or before any memorial may be erected.

IX RIGHT TO REPLAT

9-A. The following rights and privileges are hereby expressly reserved to the management to be exercised at any time or from time to time for the erection of buildings, or for any purpose or use connected with, incident to, or convenient for, the care of, preservation of, or preparation for disposal or interment of human dead bodies, or other cemetery purpose:

- a) To resurvey, enlarge, diminish, replat, alter in shape or size or otherwise to change all or any part or portion of any cemetery.
- b) To lay out, establish, close, eliminate, or otherwise modify or change, the location of roads, walks, or drives, provided ingress and egress to and from any plot is preserved or is allocated to the plot holder.

9-B. The following rights and privileges are hereby expressly reserved to the management, to be exercised at any time or from time to time.

- a) Easements and rights of way over and through all of the premises of any cemetery for the purpose of installing, maintaining and operating pipe lines, conduits or drains for sprinklers, drainage, electric, or communication lines, or for any other cemetery purpose.

X NO EASEMENTS GRANTED

10-A. No easement or right of interment is granted to any plot holder in any road, drive, alleyways, or walk within any cemetery, but such road, drive, alleyways, or walk may be used as a means of access to the cemetery and its buildings as long as the management devotes such road, drive, alleyways, or walk to that purpose.

XI USE OF CEMETERIES

11-A. Visitors - Visitors within any cemetery shall use only the avenues, roads and walks, unless it is necessary to walk on the grass to gain access to one's plot. The management expressly disclaims liability for any injuries sustained by anyone violating this rule.

11-B. Strangers - Strangers are not permitted to sit or lounge on any of the grounds, graves, or monuments in any cemetery, or in any of the buildings.

11-C. Trespassers - Only the plot holder and his/her relatives or friends shall be permitted on a plot in any cemetery. Any other person thereon shall be considered a trespasser, and the management shall owe no duty to said trespasser to keep the property, or the memorial thereon, in a reasonably safe condition.

11-D. Children - Children under fifteen years of age are not permitted within any cemetery, unless accompanied by an adult to supervise them.

11-E. Animals - Animals are not allowed within any cemetery or its buildings.

11-F. Lawns - Lawns shall not be disturbed for any purpose except under the supervision of the management.

11-G. Ornaments, Decorations and Flower Vases - Management reserves the right to regulate the method of decorations of plots so that uniform beauty may be maintained. Specific rules and regulations on these matters are available in the cemetery office and/or posted on signs at the cemetery. In general, the use of boxes, shells, toys, metal designs, ornaments, vases, glass, plastic, concrete, or crockery jars and containers, wood or metal cases, potted plants, rocks, stones, bricks, etc., shall not be permitted on any plot and such articles shall be removed by management. Only flower vases, vigil lights and solar lights specifically approved by management shall be permitted. All such items must be placed in a manner specified by management. Management reserves the right and shall have the authority to add to or change these rules and regulations at any time.

11-H. Motor Vehicles –Automobiles, funeral cars, and trucks must be kept under control at all times and must observe posted speed limits. No vehicles shall drive through the gates or within any cemetery at a speed in excess of 20 miles per hour. Automobiles may not park or come to a full stop before an open grave unless such automobiles are in attendance at the funeral.

11-I. Bicycles and Motorcycles - The management reserves the right to refuse admission of bicycles or motorcycles to any cemetery.

XII CONDUCT IN THE CEMETERIES

12-A. Idling, loafing, loitering, playing, or any boisterous demonstrations within any cemetery are prohibited.

12-B. Rubbish - Throwing of rubbish on roads, driveways, paths, walks, or any part of the grounds of any cemetery, or in its buildings, is prohibited.

12-C. Picnicking - Visitor picnicking or partaking of any refreshments within any cemetery is prohibited unless specifically approved in writing by management in advance.

12-D. Flowers and Shrubs - No one shall pluck any flower, or break any branches, or remove, injure, or cut any tree, plant, or shrub without specific permission of the management.

12-E. Peddling or Soliciting - No one will be permitted to peddle flowers, plants, or any other article or items, or to solicit the sale of any commodity whatsoever within any cemetery.

12-F. Signs and Advertising- No signs, notices, or advertising of any kind shall be allowed within any cemetery except those placed by the management.

12-G. Improper Assemblages-The management reserves the right to forbid and prevent

assemblages that it deems improper.

XIII GRADING AND IMPROVEMENTS

13-A. The management reserves the exclusive right to do all grading, landscape work, improvements of any kind, and all care of plots; likewise to plant, trim, cut, or remove all trees, shrubs, and herbage within any of the cemeteries.

13-B. All improvements or alterations of plots in any cemetery shall be under the direction of and subject to the approval of the management. Should they be made without its written consent, said management reserves the right to remove, alter, or change such improvements or alterations at the expense of the plot holder.

13-C. The management reserves the right to use legally approved chemical applications to beautify the cemetery properties, except in specially designated Green Burial Sections.

XIV CEMETERY HOURS

14-A. The management shall have the right to fix the opening and closing hours of each cemetery, cemetery office, and all buildings.

XV OUTSIDE WORKERS

15-A. All work within the cemetery shall be performed by employees of the Association; however, management reserves the right and shall have the authority to engage third parties to perform work in the cemetery for and on its behalf. Any person or organization performing work in the cemetery shall first be approved by management and execute an Indemnification Agreement and furnish satisfactory proof of current Liability and Workers' Compensation coverage. Plot holders may have certain work done in accordance with these rules and regulations at their own expense upon application to the management provided the workers are in compliance with this rule.

XVI EMPLOYEES

16-A. Employees of The Catholic Cemeteries Association are not permitted to do any work for plot holders except upon the order of the management, but are required to be civil and courteous to all visitors.

16-B. The management shall have the right to maintain guards if it deems it necessary, but is under no legal obligation to do so.

XVII LOSS OR DAMAGE

17-A. The management disclaims all responsibility for loss or damage beyond its reasonable control, and especially from damage by an act of God, the elements, earthquakes, war, common enemy, air raids, invasions, insurrections, riots, order of any military or civil authority, thieves, vandals, strikers, malicious mischief makers, explosions, unavoidable accidents, or any cause similar or dissimilar beyond control of the management, whether the damage be direct or collateral. In the event it becomes necessary to reconstruct or repair any section or plot, including graves or crypts, or any portion or portions thereof in any cemetery, which has been damaged by such causes, the management shall give 10-day written notice of the necessity for such repair to the plot holder of record. The notice shall be given by depositing the same in the United States mail, with postage thereon duly prepaid, addressed to the plot holder of record, at his or her address stated on the books of the management. In the event the plot holder fails to repair the damage within a reasonable time, the management may direct that the repairs be made and charge the expense against the plot and to the plot holder of record.

XVIII PLOT HOLDER'S CHANGE IN ADDRESS

18-A. It shall be the duty of the plot holder to notify the management of any change in his or her post office address. Notice sent to a plot holder at the last address in management's records shall be considered sufficient and proper legal notification.

XIX CARE

19-A. The cemeteries operated by The Catholic Cemeteries Association, a nonprofit corporation, are "Income Care" cemeteries. All monies are used for cemetery purposes; a portion is set aside for investment, and the proceeds thereof are used to provide general care. "Income Care" is to be understood as that care and maintenance necessitated by natural growth and ordinary wear, and includes cutting of lawns, and the cleaning and maintenance of roadways, walks, and buildings, provided there are sufficient funds for these purposes.

19-B. The term "Income Care" shall in no case mean the maintenance, repair or replacement of any memorial placed or erected upon any plot; nor the planting, cutting, watering or care of any privately planted tree or shrub; nor the planting of flowers or ornamental plants; nor the doing of any special or unusual work in any cemetery; nor does it mean the reconstruction of any granite, bronze or concrete work on any section of the plot, or any portion or portions thereof in any cemetery, injured or damaged by any cause, direct or indirect, beyond the management's reasonable control except that the repair or replacement of a concrete memorial foundation will be covered provided a memorial care fee was paid upon installation of the memorial.

19-C. "Special Care" shall include only those specific services set forth in Special Care

agreements with the plot holders, provided said services are not inconsistent with the purpose for which the cemeteries have been established and are being maintained.

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MEMORIALS AND RULES FOR MEMORIAL WORK

20-A. Memorial dealers shall abide by all the rules and regulations of The Catholic Cemeteries Association.

20-B. The management reserves the right at all times to approve and prescribe the kind, size, design, symbolism, craftsmanship, quality and material of memorials, inscriptions, monuments, or markers placed or to be placed in any cemetery.

As a general requirement, The Catholic Cemeteries Association requires that a Christian symbol appear prominently on the face of each memorial installed in the cemetery. All memorials are subject to the approval of the management prior to the placement, and acceptance or rejection shall be based upon such approval.

20-C. The management also reserves the right to issue under separate cover detailed regulations and instructions pertaining to the kind, size, design, symbolism, craftsmanship, quality, and material of memorials, inscriptions, monuments, or markers to be placed in any cemetery. Said detailed regulations and instructions, and all amendments thereto, are hereby made a part of the rules and regulations of The Catholic Cemeteries Association set forth herein.

20-D. The management reserves the right to fix the days and hours when any memorial may be delivered to any cemetery.

20-E. All memorial work, or placement or removal of any memorial, shall be on the written order of the plot holder.

20-F. Independent monument dealers or contractors who install memorial foundations are required to comply with specifications and directions established by management. Such specifications will not be unreasonable and shall conform to the specifications set forth by the cemetery for the installation of its own foundations.

20-G. A detailed plan and design of all memorials must be submitted to the management for approval on the form furnished before a foundation will be permitted to be installed. If the memorial does not conform to the approved plan and design, it will be the sole responsibility of the dealer to correct any errors or deficiencies in workmanship and material.

20-H. The location and position in which a memorial is to be placed or erected on a plot shall be entirely subject to the approval, and shall be under the supervision of the management. The cemetery is entitled to charge a fee for the layout and inspection of the work product of dealers. This fee is based on actual costs and overhead in accordance with general accounting principles, including a reasonable profit.

20-I. No memorial extending above the surface of the ground shall be erected on plots designated as "non- monument or flush plots."

20-J. Non-cemetery employees, in placing or erecting monuments and other structures, or bringing in materials in regard to such work, shall operate as independent contractors, but such work must conform with the regulations made by the management.

20-K. Non-cemetery workers, in placing or erecting monuments, installing foundations and other structures, are prohibited from scattering their material over adjoining plots, or from blocking roads or walks, or from leaving their material on the grounds longer than is absolutely necessary, or from attaching ropes to trees or shrubs. When any heavy material is to be moved over lawns, planks must be laid to prevent injury.

20-L. Damage done to plots, walks, drives, trees, shrubs, or other property by non-cemetery workers, dealers, or contractors, or their agents, may be repaired by the management and cost of such repairs shall be charged to the dealer or contractor, or his principal.

20-M. The management reserves the right to stop all work of any nature when, in its opinion, proper preparations therefor have not been made; or when work is being done in such a manner as to endanger life or property; or when work is not being executed according to specifications; or when any reasonable request on the part of the management is disregarded; or when any person employed on the work violates any rule of the management.

20-N. While the management will exercise all possible care to protect raised lettering, carving, or ornaments on any memorial or other structure, on any plots, it disclaims responsibility for damage or injury thereto.

20-O. The management reserves and shall have the right to correct any error that may be made by its employees or by any other person or persons in the location or placing of a memorial in any cemetery.

20-P. Should any memorial, mausoleum, or tomb become unsightly, dilapidated, or a menace to the safety of persons within the cemetery, the management shall have the right, after 30-days' notice to the plot holder of record, either to correct the condition or to remove the same, in either case at the expense of the plot holder.

20-Q. Soliciting memorial sales or memorial work within any cemetery is not permitted.

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PRIVATE MAUSOLEA AND TOMBS

21-A. Mausoleum or tombs, either wholly or partially above ground, shall be constructed only in plots designated for them by the cemetery. Plans, specifications, material and location in the plot of such mausoleum or tomb shall be subject to the approval of the management. The

management reserves the right to require that an endowment for future maintenance of mausoleum or tombs be deposited with it, said endowment to be an amount specified by the management.

21-B. When entombment is made in a private mausoleum, the crypt shall be properly sealed, subject to approval of the management. The entombment must be made in an approved casket that complies with the regulations of the controlling Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Health Bureau of Vital Statistics. Management may require additional casket enclosures as deemed necessary, and at the expense of plot holder.

21-C. No walkways, patios, or other appurtenant structures will be permitted on the ground surrounding a mausoleum. No additions or changes will be allowed after the specifications and foundation plan for a mausoleum have been submitted and approved.

XXII COMMUNITY MAUSOLEA

22-A. Entombment must be made in an approved casket that complies with the regulations of the controlling Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Health Bureau of Vital Statistics. Additional containment measures may be required at the discretion of management. Only embalmed bodies shall be permitted to be entombed in mausoleum.

22-B. Chapels in the Mausoleums are reserved for committal services and other events authorized by the Association. All scheduling shall be the sole discretion of the Association based on the availability of the chapel, the number of committal services and other factors. Requests for use of the chapel for other events must be in writing and approved by the management prior to use. The Association reserves the right to charge reasonable fee for the use of the chapel.

22-C. Crypt/Niche spaces are designed to accommodate the most common sizes of caskets and/ or urns. However, every crypt/niche space may not be suitable for oversized caskets and/or urns. Prior to the purchase of a casket and/or urn you should consult with the appropriate Association cemetery regarding any size limitations.

22-D. Ground space in any diocesan cemetery may be exchanged as partial payment on mausoleum crypts with the approval of The Catholic Cemeteries Association. A Release for the graves being exchanged shall be signed by the purchaser (grave holder) and the easement (deed/title) to the ground space must be returned to the cemetery.

22-E. If a person wishes to purchase a crypt and/ or niche for the entombment/inurnment of a family member already buried, a Removal/Transfer fee must be paid. Other costs such as a replacement casket/ um may be required at the time of the transfer. In the event these costs are necessary, you are responsible for these additional costs. A properly executed Removal Application must be completed and approved by The Catholic Cemeteries Association prior to the transfer.

22-F. The management reserves the right to issue under separate cover detailed regulations concerning the use of community mausolea. Such regulations may include, but not be limited to: the decoration of crypts; the size, quantity, type, and placement of lettering on crypts; and the use or nonuse of flowers, vigil lights, etc.

XXIII IN GENERAL

23-A. The statement of any employee of The Catholic Cemeteries Association shall not be binding upon the management, except as such statement coincides with the document conveying the right of interment, and with these rules and regulations.

23-B. The rules and regulations shall apply to any mausoleum now in existence or which may hereafter be erected in any cemetery of The Catholic Cemeteries Association.

23-C. The Catholic Cemeteries Association, through its management, reserves the right, without notice, to make temporary exceptions, suspensions, or modification of any of these rules and regulations, when, in its judgment, the same appears advisable, and such temporary exception, suspension, or modification shall in no way be considered as affecting the general application of such rules and regulations.

23-D. In all matters not specifically covered by these rules and regulations, the management reserves the right to do anything that in its judgment is deemed reasonable on the premises, and such determination shall be binding upon the plot holder and all parties concerned.

23-E. The Catholic Cemeteries Association, through its management, reserves the right at any time to adopt policies and procedures to insure the efficient maintenance and operation of the cemeteries. The Association may from time-to-time change, amend, alter, repeal, rescind or add to these rules and regulations or any part thereof, or to adopt any new rule or regulation with respect to its cemeteries or anything pertaining thereto.

The above rules and regulations were approved by the board of trustees of The Catholic Cemeteries Association of the Diocese of Pittsburgh at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 2/21.

ENDNOTES

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Diocesan Cemeteries

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 Cannel 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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