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PREAMBLE

Ever since the Sacred Body of our Crucified Savior was reverently laid in the tomb, there to await the hour of its glorious Easter Resurrection, the Church has been most solicitous to surround with an atmosphere of deep Christian Faith and profound reverence the interment/entombment of the Catholic faithful who hope to rise with Christ.

From its very beginnings, the Catholic Church has taught that the interment of the dead is a Corporal Work of Mercy and has set apart and solemnly consecrated those places in which to inter/entomb her faithful departed.

The work of Catholic Cemeteries in their continual witness to the Resurrection stands as an extension of our faith. The Rite of Christian Funeral and Burial is comprised of three parts. The first consists of the gathering the evening before at the Funeral Home, which serves as a way for the family and beloved friends to add a personal touch to the ceremonial mourning process. The second step is the Mass of Christian Burial that celebrates our faith in Christ and the Resurrection. This faith is reflected in the prayers of the Mass, readings, homily, and music. It is especially demonstrated in the prayers of the Final Commendation. The third and final station of the Christian Burial process is the prayers of committal and farewell at the Cemetery. For a Catholic Cemetery, this involves the remains being consigned to consecrated ground, following a rich tradition that existed in the Church for centuries. These cemeteries stand as a public witness to our faith in Christ and His Resurrection; they are also a public witness to the Body of Christ and the Communion of Saints to which we all belong.

The Ministry of Catholic Cemeteries provides for those who choose to use its services as a well kept, dignified place of burial. It also grants a promise of perpetual care, a compassionate office staff to meet the needs of the bereaved and to provide consistent availability to handle any problems or concerns that may arise after burial.

PREAMBLE (Continued)

Due to the great significance and importance of these properties, we must try our very best to properly maintain these blessed grounds, and make certain that the facilities provided are at their very best operating standards.

The following regulations are in effect to insure the sacred character of Catholic Cemeteries in the Diocese of Providence and to establish and maintain good order in accordance with the teaching and traditional practice of the Catholic Church.

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DEFINITIONS

- The term *Local Ordinary* shall mean the Roman Catholic Bishop of Providence.
- The term *Director* shall mean the person or persons duly appointed by the Ordinary of the Diocese of Providence for the purpose of conducting and administering the cemeteries owned by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence and operated by the Diocesan Catholic Cemeteries.
- The term *Management* shall mean the office personnel and/or a cemetery representative.
- The term *grave* shall mean a space of ground in the Cemetery to be used for the interment of human remains.
- The term *lot* shall include and apply to one or more adjoining graves.
- The term *interment* shall mean either earth interment or burial.
- The term *entombment* shall mean a mausoleum crypt interment.
- The term *Columbaria* shall mean a crypt space at a Mausoleum for the entombment of cremants.
- The term *grave lot or crypt owners* shall include a person or persons who have purchased Rights of Interment or Entombment.
- The term *memorial* shall include a monument, tombstone, headstone, or ground flush marker.

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PURPOSE OF CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

Catholic Cemeteries are for the Interment/Entombment of **Catholics** who are entitled to **Christian**

Interment/Entombment according to the rules and discipline of the Roman Catholic Church. The Interment/Entombment of a **non-Catholic member of a Catholic family** or a **person not entitled to Christian** Interment/Entombment according to the rules and discipline of the Roman Catholic Church shall be decided exclusively by the Local Ordinary whose decision shall be final.

3

ECCLESIASTICAL RITES OF CHRISTIAN INTERMENT OR ENTOMBMENT

The demised Christian Faithful are granted the Rites of Christian Interment/Entombment according to the Code of Canon Law of the Roman Catholic Church.

Ecclesiastical Rites of Christian Interment/Entombment include:

1. The Transfer of the remains of the demised to the Church.
2. The celebration of the Funeral Mass at the Church.
3. A Funeral Mass is not permitted on Holy Days of Obligation. When a funeral is to take place on a Holy Day of Obligation only a “Funeral Liturgy Outside Mass” is permitted. The “Funeral Mass” is to be celebrated at a later date.
4. The demised should be interred in a blessed grave or entombed in a blessed Mausoleum crypt as is the custom for the interment/ entombment of the faithful.
5. PLEASE NOTE: If the **Funeral Mass Liturgy** is **not** scheduled at the **time of interment/entombment** and the interment/entombment is to take place in a Catholic Cemetery, the **NAME OF THE CEMETERY MUST NOT BE INCLUDED** in the **OBITUARY**

NOTICE since the Ecclesiastical Rites of Christian interment or entombment as stated above, has not been observed. The only exception to this ruling is when a “Funeral Liturgy Outside Mass” takes place on a Holy Day of Obligation and the Funeral Mass will be celebrated at a later date.

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ADMISSION TO CEMETERY

The director reserves the right to refuse admission to the cemetery as the rules, judgment, and tradition may indicate.

5

CEMETERY RETAINS TITLE OF PROPERTY

When the Right of Interment in a cemetery grave/lot or entombment in a Mausoleum crypt is granted Catholic Cemeteries grant a right of interment/entombment and withhold unto themselves the title or ownership of the cemetery property.

6

PRE-NEED INSTALLMENT PLAN PAYMENT FOR GRAVE/LOT OR MAUSOLEUM CRYPT PURCHASE

BENEFITS OF PRE-NEED/TIME PURCHASES:

1. Avoid a financial crisis at time of death.
2. Avoid future price increase.
3. No interest or carrying fee for installment payments.

PURCHASE AT TODAY'S PRICE FOR TOMMOROW'S NEED.

Selection may be made at St. Ann Cemetery for Mausoleum Crypt or Columbaria. Installment Payment arrangements may be made at the time of selection. Selection and payment arrangements for Columbaria may also be made at St. Francis Cemetery.

Selection may be made at the following Cemeteries for a Grave/Lot selection and Installment Payment arrangements:

St. Ann (Cranston); Mount Saint Mary (East Providence/Pawtucket) Saint Columba (Middletown); Gate of Heaven (East Providence); Saint Joseph (West Greenwich); Resurrection (Cumberland).

You may visit or call the Diocesan Catholic Cemeteries office (944-8383) for additional information concerning the purchase of a Right of Interment in a Grave/Lot or Entombment in a Mausoleum Crypt.

Payment in Full must be made before a Grave/Lot or Mausoleum Crypt may be used.

7

FUNERAL DIRECTOR CREDIT PLAN FOR INTERMENT GRAVE/LOT PURCHASE AND/OR SERVICE FEE AT THE TIME OF NEED

1. The funeral director will assume the full responsibility of a personal grave/lot purchase and/or interment service fee. Payment is expected no later than 30 days

from date of purchase or the date of interment. This credit is extended only to the funeral director and not to the purchaser.

2. Cemetery grave/lot deed will not be issued until full payment is made.
3. Prior to 30 days following the purchase date or date of interment, the funeral director will receive a statement for payment. Funeral directors should keep their personal records indicating when payment of each grave/lot purchased or interment service fee is due. This will avoid misunderstanding that statements were misplaced or not received from the cemetery office.
4. This credit plan privilege may be rescinded and denied to individual funeral directors at such times that it may prove detrimental to Catholic Cemeteries either by its abuse or misuse.
5. Funeral Directors must refer purchasers of grave/lots to the office of the cemetery of their choice or to the Diocesan Cemeteries Office and thereby avoid personal responsibility of grave/lot purchase payment.

Payment must be made in full before time of need.

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COLUMBARIA AND CRYPTS

Both Columbaria for cremated remains and Crypts for above ground entombment are available at Mary, Mother of Hope and St. Joseph Mausoleums of St. Ann Cemetery (Cranston). Columbaria for cremated remains are also available at St. Francis Cemetery Chapel (Pawtucket). Please call the Diocesan Cemeteries Office (944-8383) for information if you wish to purchase a Columbaria or Crypt.

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ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTERMENT OR ENTOMBMENT

To make arrangements for an interment or entombment a funeral director must call the Diocesan Cemeteries Office (944-8383) no less than twelve working hours prior to the day of interment or entombment, otherwise a late fee will be exacted to offset the cost of overtime labor.

A Monday interment or entombment must be arranged no later than 3:00 P.M. of the previous Friday, otherwise a late fee will be exacted to offset the cost of overtime labor.

When death occurs on Saturday or Sunday and a Tuesday interment or entombment is required no late fee will be exacted if interment or entombment arrangements are made with the Diocesan Cemeteries Office no later than 9:30 A.M. on Monday.

A late fee will be exacted for an interment or entombment after 12:00 Noon on Saturdays. An additional hourly fee will be added when an interment or entombment takes place after 12:00 P.M. on Saturday.

An exception may be made when an earlier Funeral Mass cannot be scheduled due to a full Mass schedule of a parish, with confirmation of the Parish clergy.

All grave/lot interments must include an outer container or vault. A name plate of the demised must be placed on the casket before an interment or entombment takes place.

Interments or entombments are not permitted on New Year's Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day,

10 CREMATION

One grave space must be used to inter one cremant in a smaller size grave vault. The Maximum of two cremants are permitted to be interred in one grave space.

11 INTERMENT OR ENTOMBMENT PROCEDURE

All funerals and funeral directors upon entering the cemetery gates shall be under the sole and exclusive direction and supervision of the cemetery representative or his delegate.

A funeral cortege or procession may be prohibited from entering a Diocesan Catholic Cemetery whenever they are escorted or accompanied by regalia or banners of societies, organizations, or lodges which are prohibited by Civil or Ecclesiastical Law. Certain fraternal or lodge services not forbidden by Church Law may be permitted by the director provided that **permission is obtained at least 24 hours prior to committal.**

The management shall not be liable for any delay of an interment/entombment whenever a protest to the interment or entombment has been made, whenever the rules and regulations have not been complied with, or whenever such rules and regulations shall forbid said interment or entombment. The management reserves the right under such circumstances to request that the remains of the demised be accepted by the Funeral Director until the interment/entombment rights have been determined. Any protest must be made in writing and filed with the Diocesan Cemeteries Office.

An interment or entombment permit for each funeral as required by the local state, city, or town authority having jurisdiction of the matter and a completed and signed Diocesan Catholic Cemetery Permission Form must be presented to the cemetery representative or his delegate before interment or entombment service is permitted.

A disinterment or disentombment is not permitted without the approval of the director or his delegate. Written, signed, and witnessed permission of the grave/lot or mausoleum crypt owners or heirs at law or proper legal procedure is required.

The management shall exercise due care and caution in making an interment, entombment, disinterment, or disentombment. However, the management will not assume liability for damage to a casket, vault, or liner in rendering this service. The management shall have the right to designate the time and manner in which the interment, entombment, disinterment, or disentombment will be permitted. A labor fee must be paid in full at the Diocesan Cemeteries Office, 80 St. Mary's Drive, before this requested service is rendered.

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CHAPEL COMMITTAL SERVICE

In a Catholic Diocesan Cemetery (Excluding Maria del Campo) the committal service may take place in one of the committal chapels instead of at the gravesite.

After the funeral cortege leaves the parish church it will proceed to the cemetery committal chapel. The casket will be escorted into an assigned chapel and the officiating clergy will conduct the committal service.

When the remains are left in the committal chapel interment will take place immediately after the bereaved have left the chapel.

13

GRAVESITE COMMITTAL SERVICE

Following the chapel committal service and provided the bereaved have previously requested and arranged gravesite interment the funeral director, lead by the cemetery representative, will escort the remains to the gravesite.

If the bereaved have previously requested and arranged a gravesite interment service thereby, bypassing a chapel committal service, the cemetery representative will direct the funeral cortege to the chapel area. The bereaved will remain in their cars while the funeral director submits the interment documents to the cemetery representative. The representative will then lead the funeral cortege and the officiating clergy, awaiting at the chapel, to the gravesite.

For reasons of safety the bereaved are not permitted near the grave whenever a **gravesite interment has not been requested** since the gravesite area has not been secured and unseen hazards may be present.

In case of inclement weather or for other valid reasons the final committal prayers may be offered in the cemetery committal chapel although such a request or arrangement had not been previously expressed.

Canopies are not permitted at the gravesite.

To avoid the possibility of a gravesite accident or delay in the cemetery work schedule please observe the following:

At the conclusion of a requested gravesite committal service the bereaved must leave the immediate area of the gravesite so that the cemetery personnel may have an opportunity to complete the interment.

In order that this work may be performed without inci-

dent the understanding and cooperation of the bereaved will be greatly appreciated.

Gravesite interment requires extra labor, time, and equipment therefore, an added gravesite service fee is required.

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SERVICE FEES

The director shall have the right to assess a service fee and stipulate the time of payment for each interment, disinterment, reinterment, entombment, disentombment, reentombment, removal or transferal, and for any other service requested of the management. All services shall be subject to the supervision of the management.

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VAULT PROCEDURES AND FEES

Cemetery Vault Fee

The cemetery vault fee, for vaults not supplied by the cemetery, is for the maintenance of cemetery roads and grounds used by vault companies who supply and deliver interment vaults to the Diocesan Catholic Cemeteries.

Sealing of Vaults by Cemetery Laborers or Vault Company

The cemetery laborers prepare the gravesite for interment. They may be required to secure the gravesite with extra planking for a safe interment whenever the vault company is unprepared or unable to do so.

The vault company installs the lowering device, grass carpeting, and any other necessary equipment.

The vault company delivers the vault either to the gravesite or to the cemetery chapel according to the method which has been established by the individual cemetery and the vault company.

After the chapel service the funeral director or the cemetery personnel will deliver the casket to the gravesite according to the method which has been established and agreed upon with the funeral director, the vault company, and the individual cemetery. At those cemeteries where the casket is serviced or sealed in the vault at the cemetery chapel according to the established method the cemetery personnel will deliver and lower the casket and vault into the grave.

When a vault company delivers an interment vault to the gravesite and seals the casket therein, they may do so either above ground or after the vault has been lowered into the grave. The vault company must use their lowering device whenever they lower a vault into a grave.

Interment Vault and Gravesite Interment

If a vault sealing has been requested the vault company will plank the grave and install the lowering device, grass carpeting, and other necessary rigging for their operation. If a vault company sealing has not been requested, the cemetery personnel will plank the grave, install the grass carpeting and other necessary equipment, and lower the vault and casket into the grave. When either of these interment arrangements occur the funeral director will deliver the casket to the grave after the chapel committal service and place it on the lowering device.

PLEASE NOTE:

Cemeteries may experience unforeseen problems which may require an exemption from the above stated procedure regulations. Funeral directors should consult with the cemetery representative if such problems occur.

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RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR
MEMORIALS AND FOR
MEMORIAL PLACEMENT

Diocesan Catholic Cemeteries are Religious Cemeteries therefore, **only religious themes** are permitted on memorial monuments or ground flush markers. **Secular themes or scenes are prohibited.**

Monuments or memorials may not be placed on grave/lots unless the grave/lots are paid for in full.

Memorials or monuments may be placed only on those grave/lots which have “Memorial Privileges” at the time of purchase.

Size of memorials will vary with the size of the grave/lot. Maximum size of memorials should be requested from management at the time of grave/lot purchase.

Memorial dealers must abide by all the rules and regulations of the cemetery. All memorials shall be made of granite or bronze with the grave/lot number inscribed thereon.

Either one ground flush marker or one upright monument is permitted on each grave/lot.

Only lots three (3) graves or larger are permitted to have upright monuments.

On ground flush grave markers there is to be no raised lettering or design.

Flower vases of granite, bronze, or steel are permitted when said flower vases are permanently attached on the base of an upright monument.

A **detailed plan and design** (Three Copies) of a memorial or monument must be submitted to the representative or his delegate for approval before a signed

permit is issued. **A memorial or monument must not be erected or placed until checked, approved, and accepted by the management.** If the memorial does not conform in every detail to the approved design it shall be the sole responsibility of the dealer to correct any errors or deficiencies in workmanship or material.

All memorial work, placement, or removal of any memorial or monument shall take place only with the permission of the grave/lot owners or all the heirs at law and with a signed permit issued by the management.

The management reserves the right to designate the days and hours when a permit may be obtained. **All memorial work and deliveries must take place and be completed only during cemetery working hours.**

The director reserves the right to assess fees for memorial foundations and placement of memorial ground flush markers. Said fees are to be paid in advance of requested or intended work.

Upon delivery of a monument, ground flush marker, vases, etc. to a cemetery or repair work to be done on same, the monument dealer or his employee must first visit the office of the cemetery where the work is to be done. He must verify plans and permission with the cemetery representative or his delegate before beginning the intended work.

The location and position in which a memorial is to be placed or erected on a grave/lot is indicated at the time of purchase and no exceptions can or will be made.

Non-cemetery employees in placing or erecting monuments and other structures or bringing in materials for such work shall operate as independent contractors, but must do so with the permission of the management and under its supervision.

Damage to grave/lots, mausoleums, walks, drives, trees, shrubs, or other property by non-cemetery workers, dealers, contractors, or their agents will be repaired by the management and cost of such repairs shall be assessed to the dealer or contractor or to his agent who has caused the damage.

The management reserves the right **at all times to approve** the **Religious theme** and prescribe the kind, size, design, symbolism, craftsmanship, quality, and material of memorials, inscriptions, monuments, or ground flush markers placed or to be placed in the cemetery. Approval or rejection shall be determined for each individual request prior to placement.

Soliciting memorial sales, selling flowers, or memorial decorations of any type within cemetery grounds is not permitted.

17 **NOT LIABLE FOR MONUMENT DAMAGE OR ERROR**

The management will exercise all possible care to protect previously permitted raised lettering, carvings, or ornaments on any memorial or other structure on any grave/lot however, it will not assume liability for damages thereto.

The management reserves and shall have the right to correct any error within the cemetery that may be caused by its employees.

When a memorial or private mausoleum becomes unsightly or a menace to the safety of persons with the cemetery, the director shall have the right to correct the condition or to remove same at the expense of the grave/lot owners or heirs at law.

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MEMORIAL OR MONUMENT INSURANCE

Plot owners or heirs are advised to purchase memorial or monument insurance for protection against monument damage or vandalism. They are to do so through their personal insurance company.

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MEMORIAL FOUNDATION WORK

A grave/lot owner shall request a foundation permit at the cemetery office. A foundation fee will be assessed at the time of the request and payment must be made in full before foundation work begins.

All foundations will be installed exclusively by the cemetery personnel.

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RIGHTS TO GRAVE/LOT OR MAUSOLEUM CRYPTS

The use of a grave/lot or mausoleum crypt is for the sole interment/entombment use of the owners or the legal heirs of the owners.

Grave/lot or mausoleum crypts may not be used for resale or profit.

Heirs of owners may not transfer, exchange, or dispose of any grave/lots or mausoleum crypts or any use thereof without consultation and permission of the director.

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INTERMENTS

The Director may accept a request for an interment/entombment **Only** with the written permission

of the **living** grave/lot **owners** of record. However, upon the **demise** of the **owners**, the written permission of at least one of the living heirs at law is **necessary** to grant the **Right** of interment/entombment to **another heir at law** at the time of death unless written instructions of the owners to the contrary are on file in the Diocesan Cemeteries Office.

22 SEQUENCE OF INHERITANCE HEIRS AT LAW

Catholic Cemeteries **retains full ownership** of all cemetery properties. The purchaser of any cemetery property is purchasing the right to interment/entombment in said grave/mausoleum/niche. The purchaser does not in any way own the property and must comply with the Rules and Regulations of Catholic Cemeteries.

With the demise of the owner of a grave/lot or mausoleum crypt the right of interment or entombment shall devolve to the owner's family members or heirs at law in the following manner. When the Right of Interment in a cemetery grave/lot or entombment in a Mausoleum crypt is granted Catholic Cemeteries grant a right of interment/entombment and withhold unto themselves the title or ownership of the cemetery property.

WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS:

If the **grave/lot** or **mausoleum owners** **filed written instructions** at the **Diocesan Cemeteries Office** as to which member or members of their families shall succeed to the right of interment/entombment of said grave/lot or mausoleum crypt said instructions will be accepted by the director and will be followed if, in the judgment of said director, such instructions are definite, reasonable, and practical, according to the rules and regulations of the Diocesan Catholic Cemeteries subject however, to a vested right of interment of the surviving owner's spouse.

ABSENCE OF WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS:

If valid or sufficient written instructions concerning right of interment or entombment was not previously filed at the Diocesan Cemeteries Office, or if valid and sufficient instructions are in conflict **with a later will** and the grave/lot or mausoleum crypt owners have **filed**

instructions in said will, specifying name of cemetery, location, section, and number of grave/lot, **duly admitted to probate in a court** having jurisdiction thereof, subject however to a vested right of interment of a surviving owner's spouse, such instructions shall control provided they are not in conflict with the Diocesan Catholic Cemeteries Rules and Regulations then in force and providing the Diocesan Catholic Cemeteries Office is provided with proof of the same.

In the absence of valid and sufficient written instructions **filed at said office by** the grave/lot or mausoleum crypt **owners or a duly probated will**, the rights of interment or entombment shall devolve upon those entitled to succeed thereto by the following laws of succession.

The **surviving spouse of the owner** has a **prior right of one burial space** in the grave/lot or mausoleum crypt. This right may be voluntarily forfeited at any time, otherwise it will terminate upon death or remarriage.

The interment rights in the remainder of the grave/lot or mausoleum crypt are inherited from the interstate owners in the following manner:

1. **To all the children of the owners.** The **spouses** of the owner's children or spouses of heirs at law have a right of interment or entombment **only with the signed permission of all surviving children of the owners or heirs at law.** If the spouse remarries they lose their right of interment.
2. If all of the **children** of the owners are deceased then the **grandchildren** of the owners inherit a right of interment or entombment.
3. If all the **grandchildren** of the owners are deceased then either the **mother or father of the owners** inherit a right of interment or entombment.

4. If all of the **first three classifications** are deceased then the **living brothers and sisters** inherit a right of interment or entombment.
5. If all the **brothers or sisters** of the owners are deceased then the **nephews and nieces of the owners** inherit a right of interment or entombment.
6. If all the **nephews or nieces** of the owners are deceased then the **grandparents of the owners** inherit a right of interment or entombment.
7. If all the **grandparents** of the owners are deceased then the **uncles and aunts of the owners** inherit a right of interment or entombment.

Only the original owners may assign or transfer the right of interment or entombment in a grave/lot or mausoleum crypt.

Each transfer must have the approval of the director. **Each qualified heir shares equally and jointly in the interment or entombment rights while vacant graves remain in the grave/lot or mausoleum crypt.** Their individual right cannot be determined except at the time of their demise which gives them the right if they qualify in the sequence of inheritance. Any qualified heir may release their right at any time however, they cannot assign or transfer this right to any person except to the other qualified and surviving heirs at law jointly.

When all graves or mausoleum crypts are occupied the surviving heirs forfeit their rights of interment in said grave/lot or mausoleum crypt.

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NON-CEMETERY WORKERS

No one other than Cemetery employees are permitted to work on the cemetery grounds unless authorized by the management. Grave/lot owners may have certain

work done on their gravesite in accordance with the cemetery rules and regulations at their own expense upon application to the management. Fees will be assessed and paid in full before said work is begun.

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LIABILITY

The management disclaims all liability with regard to interments, grave/lots, mausoleum entombments, monuments, ground flush markers, memorials, vases, flowers or decorations of any types as well as damage from causes beyond its reasonable control and especially from the elements, insurrections, riots, order of any military or civil authority, thieves, vandals, strikes, explosions, unavoidable accidents, or any cause similar or dissimilar, beyond control of the management whether the damage be direct or indirect.

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CARE

Care is to be understood as maintenance of grave/lots necessitated by natural growth or ordinary wear and includes cleaning, painting, watering, care of lawns, trees and shrubs, and the cleaning and maintenance of roadways and walks provided there are sufficient cemetery funds available for that purpose.

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PRIVATE MAUSOLEUMS

Private mausoleums, either wholly or partially above ground, shall be constructed only on cemetery plots so designated by the director. Mausoleum plans, specifications, materials, and location in the plot shall be subject to the approval of the director.

When entombment is made in a private mausoleum the crypt shall be properly sealed at the expense of the owners or heirs at law who have arranged for such service. The management has the authority to supervise such entombments.

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CEMETERY HOURS

The management shall have the right to designate the opening and closing hours of the cemetery, cemetery office, and buildings.

Present Cemetery Hours

Daily	7:30 A.M. to Dusk
Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays	8:00 A.M. to Dusk
Memorial Day	8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.
(Also 3 Days before to 3 Days After Memorial Day)	

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NO EASEMENT GRANTED

No easements or right of interment is granted to any grave/lot owners in any road, drive, or walk within the cemetery. Such roads, drives or walks may be used as means of access to the cemetery and its buildings.

**REGULATIONS FOR GRAVE/LOT
MONUMENT DECORATIONS
AND FLOWERS
REMOVAL OF FLORAL DECORATIONS
AND FLORAL DESIGN**

Sole right is reserved by the director to regulate the method and type of decorations or flowers and containers used on grave/lots, monuments, and at the mausoleums. The use of boxes, crockery jars, and glass food containers is not permitted and will be removed. Only approved vases may be installed on the monument base. Management approval must be received before installation takes place.

American flags are only permissible on the graves of veterans.

Management has the right to remove American flags when, in its judgment, they become faded, torn, or soiled.

Holidays:

Two weeks following Easter Sunday, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, and Father's Day all potted plants and flowers, not in prong vases or vases permanently attached to the monument base, will be removed.

Non-Holidays:

Only one metal prong vase of fresh cut flowers is permitted on single grave lots or larger cemetery lots which do not have permanently attached vases on the monument base.

MAUSOLEUM CRYPT DECORATIONS AND FLOWERS

ONLY SILK FLOWERS are permitted in the mausoleum chapel. ALL OTHER FLOWERS, PLANTS, OR DECORATIONS WILL BE REMOVED. Anything which is attached to the crypts, flower receptacles, walls, or placed on the floor will be removed. Silk flowers are the preferred and recommended for the Memorial Vase Platforms.

General Regulations:

Decorations of any kind or type attached to monuments, planting, digging of lawn, curbing, hedging, borders, or enclosures of any kind around the grave/lot are not permitted at any time.

Effective following the grass cutting season and the removal of fallen leaves, potted plants and vased flowers will be permitted at the gravesite however, such potted plants and vased flowers must not be placed on gravesites so as to obstruct or interfere with the operation of the cemetery equipment.

The cemetery management and personnel shall not be liable for loss or theft of floral pieces, flags, or decorations.

Removal of Floral Decorations and Floral Design

The management may forbid the removal of any flowers, vases, or floral designs from the cemetery. If floral decorations or floral designs are not claimed before removal

dates by those lawfully entitled to them the management will remove and dispose of same.

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CONDUCT IN CEMETERY

Visitors- Visitors within the cemetery shall use only the designated roads and walks unless it is necessary to walk on the grave lawn to gain access to their own grave/lot. The management expressly disclaims liability for any injuries sustained by anyone violating this rule.

Visitor or Grave/Lot owners are not permitted to lounge on any of the cemetery grounds, graves, or monuments or in any of the buildings.

Trespassers- Only the grave/lot owner, relatives, or friends are permitted on the premises of a cemetery grave/lot. Any other person thereon shall be considered a trespasser.

Idling, loafing, loitering, or any boisterous demonstrations within the cemetery or any of its buildings is prohibited.

The disposal of rubbish on roads, driveways, paths, walks, or any part of the grounds or in the cemetery building is prohibited.

Picnicking within the cemetery is prohibited.

Motor Vehicles- Automobiles, funeral hearse, trucks and all motor vehicles must be kept under control at all times and at no time shall such vehicles drive within the cemetery at a speed in excess of 20 miles per hour. Automobiles are not allowed to park or come to a full stop of an open grave unless such automobiles are in attendance at a funeral. It is prohibited to park or leave any motor vehicle on any road or driveway within the cemetery or parked in such a position as to prevent other vehicles from passing. If so parked, the manage-

ment will remove said vehicles.

Bicycles and Motorcycles- The management may refuse admission of bicycles or motorcycles in the cemetery.

Flowers and Shrubs- Grave/lot owners or visitors shall not take any flowers which do not belong to them, break any branches, remove, damage, or cut any tree, plant, or shrub.

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

Improper Assemblages- The management reserves the right to forbid and prevent assemblages which it deems improper.

Children- Children under sixteen years of age are not permitted within the cemetery grounds unless accompanied by a responsible adult.

32 IMPROVEMENTS

All improvements or changes of grave/lots shall be under the direction and approval of the management. If any work is done without the written permission of the management said management reserves the right to remove or alter such changes at the expense of the grave/lot owner or heirs at law.

33 RECEIVING VAULT OR CEMETERY TOMB

The receiving vault or cemetery tomb may be used for temporary entombment subject to the Rules and

Regulations as stated in the Chapter “Interment Service Fees”. The facility is available only when final interment is to follow immediately.

The receiving vault or cemetery tomb is for **temporary use only** and subject to a rental fee. Under no circumstances shall remains be considered as interred or entombed by reason of being placed therein.

The remains of any person who has died of an **infectious** or **contagious disease** will **not** be allowed in the **receiving vault**.

The management reserves the right, without notice, to remove from its vault and inter any remains when same have become a health hazard or when the decayed condition of the remains render its interment necessary.

The remains shall be removed from the receiving vault within a reasonable time which in no case shall exceed two months unless the director consents to a longer period of time.

Upon failure to pay rental fee or to make suitable arrangements for the final interment of the remains within a reasonable time, the management may remove the remains from the receiving vault and cause same to be interred in any grave it may select after having given seven days notice to survivor or survivors who made original arrangements for interment or entombment.

In the event of failure or default of said survivor or survivors to cooperate, the director shall act duly appointed agent in obtaining any and all necessary interment or health permits for said removal and interment.

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IN GENERAL

The **statement** of **any employee** is **not binding upon** the **management** if such statement contradicts these Rules and Regulations.

These Rules and Regulations shall apply to all mausoleums now in existence or to be erected in the future, all grave/lots, monuments, ground flush markers, memorials, or decorations of any type.

The director reserves the right, without notice, to make temporary exceptions, suspensions, or modifications in any of these Rules and Regulations when, in its judgment, the same is advisable and such temporary exception, suspension, or modification shall in no way be considered as affecting the general application of these Rules and Regulations.

In all matters not specifically expressed by these Rules and Regulations, the director reserves the right to make a determination which will be binding upon the grave/lot and mausoleum crypt owners and all parties concerned.

The director reserves the right at any time to change, amend, alter, rescind, or add to these Rules and Regulations or any part thereof or to adopt any new Rules and Regulations with respect to all Diocesan Catholic Cemeteries or anything pertaining thereto.

**MASSES CELEBRATED
AT
CATHOLIC DIOCESAN CEMETERIES**

**THE DECEASED WHO HAVE BEEN
UNITED WITH GOD'S FAITHFUL PEOPLE IN
LIFE, WILL IN DEATH, BE CONTINUALLY AND
PRAYERFULLY REMEMBERED IN THE HOLY
SACRIFICE OF THE MASS AS SCHEDULED IN
THE FOLLOWING CATHOLIC DIOCESAN
CEMETERIES:**

Saint Ann, Cranston;
Saint Francis, Pawtucket;
Mount St. Mary, Pawtucket / East Providence;
Gate of Heaven, East Providence;
Saint Joseph, West Greenwich;
Saint Columba, Middletown;
Resurrection, Cumberland.

**Christmas
Easter
Memorial Day
All Souls Day**

Please check the Rhode Island Catholic, www.blessedground.com, or call
the Main Office for Mass Schedules.

**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE AT THESE
CEMETERY MASSES.**