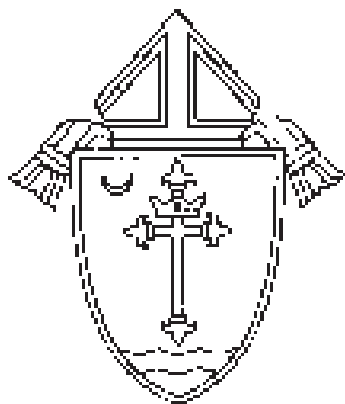


# Catholic Cemeteries

of the Archdiocese of St. Louis



## RULES

### **VISITING HOURS**

365 DAYS A YEAR

8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

GATES LOCKED AT 5:00 P.M.

### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday through Friday, 8:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Saturday, 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

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Sunday, Holy Days, Holidays

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Archbishop Raymond L. Burke

# **RULES OF THE CATHOLIC CEMETERIES of the Archdiocese of St. Louis**

## **PREAMBLE**

The chief responsibility of the Board of Trustees of the Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of St. Louis is to direct the management of the Catholic Cemeteries to provide the people with places of burial that are representative of the Church's reverence for the remains of the faithful departed and its hope in the resurrection. Its goals are both spiritual and temporal. The spiritual goals are that the Catholic cemetery be a place of comfort on the day of a funeral and the years that follow. To do so the cemeteries are to be conducive to the funeral liturgy and its personnel helpful in providing sound counsel in the selection of a family plot responsive to family needs and its vision of itself.

We bury our dear ones with love. A love that the Church and cemetery personnel share with each family that uses its burial facilities. Love is not for the moment, for we believe that the dead shall rise again on the Last Day to be reunited with their loved ones. Love reaches far into the future expressing itself in caring for the place of burial and the beauty of the surrounding cemetery grounds. Love is not narrow or exclusive for one's own, but embracing all who lay in the hallowed ground shared by their family. The Catholic cemetery is a place of love by the Church, the Mystical Body of Christ for all of its members, the living and the dead.

The temporal concerns are to make the spiritual goals possible by sound management, which require that a fair wage be paid to the men and women who make everything happen in the cemetery and that up-to-date horticulture principles and the best interment facilities and techniques available be adopted. Since the Church's love is widely defined as to time and place, old burial grounds must be looked after and new facilities developed as the population shifts and grows.

The Board of Trustees was organized in 1860 at the direction of Archbishop Peter Richard Kenrick establishing the Endowed Care Fund at that time. The interest earned on the investment of the Endowed Care Fund principal provides an essential third of the cemetery's operating income.



The Mercy of God flows through His Church to His people.

## **GENERAL PURPOSE**

The purpose of the rules of the Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of St. Louis is to promote the ideals of Christian burial by making the cemetery grounds a haven of comfort and peace, the continued welfare of the cemetery as a whole and the well-being of lot holders and visitors. The rules are not arbitrary, but developed over decades of experience of what promotes the common good.

## **ENDOWED CARE FUND OF THE CATHOLIC CEMETERIES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS**

The beauty and care of the cemetery, present and future, is entirely dependent upon the Endowed Care Fund. The cemetery has three sources of income: the sale of lots, crypts and niches, interment fees and income earned by the Endowed Care Fund. As the individual cemeteries grow older the sale of lots, crypts and niches fall off, as do interments, leaving the burden of caring for the burial grounds and cemetery infrastructure more and more dependent upon income generated by the Endowed Care Fund investments.

The Board of Trustees established the Endowed Care Fund in 1860. For over 55 years a portion of every lot or crypt sale has been dedicated to the Endowed Care Fund. An actuarial study of future cemetery needs found that less than a third of all burial property sold has an endowment. Hundreds of thousands of graves are being maintained at the expense of those who have made a donation either on an existing family lot or as a part of the price of a newly purchased lot. The guiding principle of the cemeteries rules is that each of the burial grounds that make up the Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of St. Louis always be maintained as befits the reliquary of the saints. The Endowed Care Fund is, therefore, key to our thinking and regulations. For the owners of the older, unendowed lots, the graves of long ago are those of your relatives and are your responsibility.

## **GENERAL RULES**

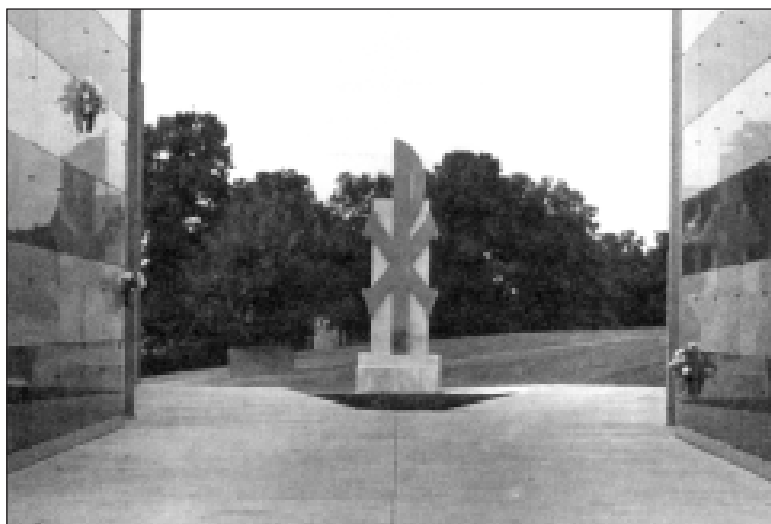
1. The Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of St. Louis is a non-profit corporation wholly owned by the Archdiocese of St. Louis, operated for the religious and charitable purposes of the Catholic Church through the burial and memorialization of the faithful departed. It serves as a witness of the Church's compassion for the living and reverence for the dead.
2. The Sacred Canons of the Roman Catholic Church and the Norms of the Archdiocese govern in all cases.
3. These rules are subject to change as circumstances warrant. A new rule becomes effective upon publication in the Archdiocesan newspaper, the St. Louis Review.

4. The possession of firearms on cemetery property, including the buildings, parking areas and other premises, is strictly prohibited.

## DEFINITIONS

5. The following definitions shall be adopted to describe the terms used in these rules:
  - A. **CATHOLIC CEMETERY:** a place dedicated by the Archbishop for the burial of the faithful and others for the religious and charitable purposes of the Church.
    1. Included in this definition of a 'cemetery' are the grounds, facilities and personnel involved in the interment and memorialization of the dead.
  - B. **ENDOWED CARE:** a fund established by the Board of Trustees of the Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of St. Louis to which lot holders contribute a determined sum whose interest is to be used for the care of lots and a pro-rated share for the upkeep of the general facilities of the cemetery. The fund principal is to be kept invested and is used for no other purpose but to generate operating cash to maintain the cemetery.
  - C. **LOT HOLDER:** the person or persons who signed the original purchase contract and their heirs-in-law who have the legal right to authorize an interment.
  - D. **LOT:** a burial plot of one or more graves.
  - E. **GRAVE:** the basic, below ground burial place.
  - F. **SECTION:** designated area of cemetery land.
  - G. **CRYPT:** a unit of one or more entombment places in a mausoleum.
    1. **LAWN CRYPT:** a pre-set in-ground two place burial vault on a gravel drain field.
    2. **FLORAL GARDEN LAWN CRYPT:** a pre-set lawn crypt topped with a flower bed which is to be planted and maintained by the crypt owner.
  - H. **INTERMENT:** the committal of human remains in their final resting place.
  - I. **BURIAL:** interment of human remains in the earth.
  - J. **ENTOMBMENT:** interment in a structure.
  - K. **RIGHT OF SEPULTURE:** the legal authority to order an interment in a particular burial place.
  - L. **COMMUNITY MAUSOLEUM:** large entombment facilities owned and maintained by the cemetery for use by the Catholic community.

- M. CREMATION: the reduction of human remains by fire.
- N. INURNMENT: placing cremated remains in a container.
- O. NICHE: a small crypt for inurned remains.
- P. MEMORIAL: a stone or metal commemorative plaque.
- Q. MONUMENT: a freestanding upright memorial.
- R. MARKER: a small memorial for one or more graves.
  - 1. Included in this definition are small, freestanding stone memorials.
  - 2. A lawn level marker set flush with the level of the ground.
- S. CRYPT FRONT: a memorial stone used as facing for a crypt.
- T. SHARED MONUMENT: an easement to place the family name on one side of a monument owned by the cemetery. The burial place may be a traditional grave or a lawn crypt.
- U. GARDEN CRYPTS: a crypt in a simple, open air community mausoleum.
- V. CHURCHYARD GRAVE: a grave where the Right of Sepulture is granted for a defined period of time. After that period the grave may be reopened for a new burial.
- W. CHAPEL SERVICE: an interment service conducted in a burial chapel.
- X. GRAVESIDE SERVICE: an interment service conducted at an open grave.
- Y. COMPLETE CEMETERY SALES: a sales contract which includes applicable future cemetery sales charges.



Resurrection Mausoleum

- Z. SLANT FACE OR MONOLITHIC MARKER: a head or foot stone set above ground. Lots are no longer sold with a provision for slant faced markers.
- AA.PRIVATE MAUSOLEUM: Entombment facility owned and endowed by a private family.

## GOD'S ACRE

- 6. The cemetery is a sacred place and is due all the honor and respect given to a church building itself. It is God's Acre. Unbecoming behavior, dress and language are not to be tolerated.
- 7. No alcoholic beverages are permitted in the cemetery.
- 8. The cemetery reserves the right to refuse admission to any person(s) or to deny the use of its facilities at any time, as its rules, judgment and traditions may dictate.
- 9. Children under sixteen years of age should always be in the company of adults while in the cemetery.
- 10. Pets may not be brought into the cemetery.
- 11. Loitering and boisterous demonstration or improper assemblages are not permitted within the cemetery grounds.
- 12. No athletic equipment of any kind is to be used on cemetery property.

## RIGHTS

- 13. The rights transferred by a lot or crypt sales contract are the **Right of Sepulture** of human remains, and other ancillary privileges as specifically stated in the sales contract. The Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of St. Louis agree only to those items contained in writing in the contract as signed. No other conditions or terms are binding upon the cemetery.
- 14. Crypts, lots and portions thereof may not be transferred by a private party to anyone other than the cemetery, provided, however, that the cemetery is not obligated to accept the same.
  - A. The cemetery will refund the original purchase price, if possible, prorated for the portion returned.
    - 1. A change of records fee may be deducted from the purchase price returned.

- B. Occupied burial space or unused graves isolated by the burial of family members or a monument may not be returned.
    - 1. Such graves may be donated for charity burials at their fair market value. Such gifts may be used as a charitable gift to the Church.
  - C. Families with burial space that have no prospective need in the future are encouraged to donate these graves to the cemetery to be used for free charity burials upon the request of individual pastors.
    - 1. The Archdiocese will always provide a grave and the burial service in cases of genuine need attested to by a parish priest or religious superior.
  - D. Sarcophagi, wall marker lawn crypts, mosaics and shared monuments which have been lettered cannot be returned.
15. The disinterment of the dead will only be allowed for the most pressing reasons upon written consent of the Archbishop of the Archdiocese of St. Louis or others acting in his stead.
16. **Right of Sepulture:** The right to authorize an interment is exercised at the lot holder's discretion. Those who inherit the right do so on an equal basis with all those of the same class, as enumerated below. The cemetery will not become a party to family disputes. The Authorization to Inter must be supported by affidavit. All responsibility for the interment rests upon the person signing the authorization.

## **AUTHORIZATION TO INTER**

17. Persons authorized to sign interment orders:
- A. 1) Lot Holder. If deceased, then:
    - 2) Party to whom lot is willed. If not willed, then:
    - 3) Children, or descendants. If no children, then:
    - 4) Father or Mother, Brothers or Sisters (an adopted child shares with equal capacity as a natural child) or their descendants. If all are deceased, then:
    - 5) Wife or Husband. If no wife or husband, then:
    - 6) Grandfather or Grandmother, or Uncles or Aunts.
    - 7) If none of the above classes of persons remain, the personal representative of the estate of a deceased lot holder or his descendant as described above may sign.
      - a) Personal representative signing shall not be personally liable but shall be liable only in his or her capacity as

personal representative and to the extent of the assets of the estate of the deceased lot holder or descendant as described above.

- 8) Person of collateral relationship to lot holder or his/her descendants as described above who has approval in writing (signature) of a person with authorization to order interments.
- 9) A husband or wife may be interred in the same lot where the spouse is buried, although he or she does not inherit the right to order other interments on the lot, unless it comes to such person by a specific devise in a will or descent as enumerated above.

Except as limited in #7 above the signatory by signing this authorization warrants that he/she has authority to do so and thereby holds the cemetery, its agents and employees harmless from any damages arising from an improper authorization. This shall include attorneys fees incurred in defense of any lawsuit based on an improper authorization to inter.

- B. After a period of 75 years since the last recorded activity on a burial site, after a reasonable search for heirs, the Right of Sepulture reverts to the cemetery in regards to the unused burial spaces. If persons with a legitimate claim present themselves after the graves have been used, their claim shall be settled by providing them with an equal number of burial spaces in an equivalent location to those that reverted to the cemetery.

18. The cemetery is not liable for the location of a burial on a lot designated by a telephone call. The family is urged to make its choice at the cemetery office. (See 39 A).

## **FUNERALS**

19. All funerals, on reaching the cemetery, come under the jurisdiction of the cemetery management. It is the responsibility of the funeral director to arrive at the correct grave site. Parking, routing, traffic direction, grave side services and all other funeral and interment arrangements within the cemetery boundaries are under the exclusive jurisdiction of the cemetery management.

- A. Funerals taken grave side must have pallbearers.
- B. After a period of 40 years since the last recorded burial, the grave may be reopened at the direction and consent of all family members.

20. In the event of an error in an interment or other matter:

- A. If the cemetery erred, it reserves the right to correct its error at its cost with no further liability to any other party.

- B. If the error resulted from the order or action of a funeral director, monument dealer, or other party, the cost of rectifying the error and all other liability will be that of the one who caused the error, with no liability upon the part of the cemetery.
  - C. If the lot holder was in error, he bears the full responsibility with no liability upon the part of the cemetery.
  - D. If another person orders an erroneous interment through error or deceit, he must bear full responsibility with no liability upon the part of the cemetery to verify the justification of the claims made.
21. The City and County of St. Louis require that a disinterment permit issued by a city or county agency be presented at a cemetery before a disinterment can be completed.

## **GENERAL CEMETERY CONDITIONS**

- 22. The grade of all lots, graves, sections, roads, fences or other features of the cemetery shall be determined by the cemetery and may be altered when deemed necessary for the common good of lot owners or visitors.
- 23. Aisles, walks, roads and other areas may be converted to burial ground as determined by the cemetery.
- 24. Should any tree, shrub or planting on any lot become detrimental to the adjoining lots or passageways or dangerous to visitors, it shall be lawful for the cemetery to remove the offending material at the expense of the lot holder.
- 25. Monuments or other structures that become dangerous or detrimental to persons in the cemetery may be repaired or removed at the expense of the holders.
- 26. Maintenance work not covered by endowed care will be done at the expense of the lot holder.
- 27. Charges for work done by the cemetery at the expense of the lot holders must be prepaid.
- 28. **Maintenance and repair of all memorial work, planting or other adornment on a lot shall be the responsibility of the lot holder and is not a part of endowed care.**
- 29. Should all or any part of an inscription, memorial, effigy or other structure be deemed unfitting or incompatible with the Catholic character of the cemetery, it shall be lawful for the cemetery to prohibit its erection or, if erected, to remove it upon receipt of orders by the proper Ecclesiastical Authority at the lot holder's expense.

30. Lot holders shall not allow an interment on their lot for a remuneration.
31. All workmen employed by others in the erection, installation, addition or other work on memorial work, vaults, planting, etc., are subject to the control and direction of the cemetery office. Any workman failing to comply with this rule will not be allowed to work in the cemetery.
  - A. Vulgar or profane language will not be tolerated.
  - B. Shirts must be worn at all times.
  - C. Workmen must wear a hard hat when on the job.
  - D. Sanitary facilities, where provided, are for the use of workers and visitors. Make no nuisance.
32. Benches may be installed, by special permission, in public areas where they will not hamper cemetery operations.
  - A. A bench may be installed on a lot zoned for a monument in lieu of the monument.
33. **All foundations for memorial work will be installed by cemetery personnel at specifications determined by the cemetery.**
34. All memorials, flower containers, burial containers, decorations and other private property is placed on the burial space at the lot holder's risk with no liability to the cemetery. The lot holder is responsible that all memorial work be properly installed and maintained.
35. Appropriate bronze vases and ceramic photographs provided by the cemetery may be permanently affixed.
  - A. The gluing or taping of objects to crypt fronts is not permitted and will be removed by cemetery personnel. The crypt holder is responsible for the cleaning and/or replacing of the crypt front.
  - B. Ornamentation supplied by others must have written permission from the cemetery and will be installed entirely at the family's risk.
  - C. Bronze medallions, permanent decals and temporary decals are not permitted on crypt fronts.
36. The current rulebook concerning memorial work and flowers is available in the cemetery office.
37. No peddling or soliciting is permitted in the cemetery at any time. Memorial dealers may bring prospects into the cemetery to show them stonework, but they are not to approach visitors in the cemetery.

38. No signs or notices are to be posted in the cemetery without the express permission of the cemetery office.
39. The visiting and working hours will be determined by the cemetery.
40. Lot holders and visitors are asked not to approach workmen in the cemetery, kindly call at the office. Cemetery employees are not permitted to do work for lot holders.
41. After a new interment, please be patient while the grave is filled, seeded and the grass is established.

## **LOT PURCHASES AND TERMS**

42. The cemetery has the right to require those selecting a lot or arranging for an interment to come in person to the cemetery office.
  - A. The cemetery shall not be responsible for any order given by telephone. We will be happy to fax a copy of the plat card to assist in selecting a grave site. The desired burial location is to be initialed, and the plat card faxed to the cemetery office before the opening of the burial site. The Authorization to Inter form must be presented at the cemetery office in person or by fax prior to the day of interment with the original presented on the day of burial.
    1. Calvary Fax Number: **314-381-3218**
    2. Resurrection Fax Number: **314-352-0097**
43. If a purchaser defaults in payment the cemetery may cancel the contract and all unused Rights of Sepulture are forfeited. Any funds paid towards unused Rights of Sepulture and Endowment are subject to a maximum charge of 25% of the original purchase price, plus any other costs incurred by the cemetery. Any funds remaining shall be refunded upon request.
44. Graves may be opened for double burials when conditions permit.
45. Before an interment may be made the interment space must be paid for in full and fully covered with endowed care.
  - A. One-half of the cost of a two-grave lot must be paid before an interment may be made.
  - B. One-third of the cost of a larger lot must be paid before an interment may be made.
  - C. A lawn crypt must be paid in full before an interment may be made.
46. A lot must be fully covered with endowed care before an old grave will be reopened.

47. **No memorial work may be installed on a lot not fully covered with endowed care.**
  - A. **No memorial work may be installed if there is an outstanding fee or charge on the lot or crypt.**
48. **Interment charges are due prior to the burial.**
49. Marker or monument foundation orders will be accepted for approval 5 months following an interment. The foundation will be prepared no sooner than 6 months from the interment date, allowing time for the ground to settle.
50. Lettering, engraving and interment charges are not included in the purchase price, unless otherwise stated in the lot purchase contract.
51. Upon payment in full of the lot purchase contract obligation, together with any interest thereon and all sums chargeable against purchaser, the Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of St. Louis agrees to give the purchaser a certificate of Rights of Sepulture.
52. The contribution to the endowment is to be added to the cemetery's Endowed Care Fund whose annual income is to be used for the proportionate care and maintenance of the cemetery's lawns, roads, and related property. **Endowed care does not provide for the maintenance of private property, such as monuments, markers, shrubbery, vases, etc.**

## **RULES FOR MEMORIAL WORK:**

**No memorial work of any kind, its installation, alteration, lettering or other activity may take place on a lot that is not fully covered with endowed care or if any fee or charge is outstanding on the lot.**

The rules for memorial work of the Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of St. Louis are designed for the benefit of all. We hope to make it easier to mark the graves of all buried here while maintaining the overall appearance of the cemetery.

The cemetery reserves the right at all times to prescribe the kind, design, size, symbolism, craftsmanship, quality and material of all memorials, inscriptions, plaques, monuments or markers placed in the cemetery. All memorials are subject to approval by the cemetery, with all exceptions to be confirmed in writing by the cemetery Director. These will be granted only under extraordinary circumstances.

## GENERAL MEMORIAL RULES

- 1 . A permit must be obtained from the cemetery office for each piece of memorial work to be installed, removed, or altered in any manner other than lettering in the cemetery.
  - A. The permit will be issued upon approval of the design.
  - B. The permit must be reapproved upon submission of the stone for inspection prior to installation.
  - C. Temporary markers are not permitted.
  - D. Written permission from the family must be received before any memorial work may be removed for any reason.
2. As these are Christian burial grounds, every memorial must incorporate a Christian symbol in its design.
3. All memorial work must conform to cemetery specifications. We advise families to check with the cemetery office regarding memorial rules before placing an order with the memorial dealer. Exceptions will not be made after an order has been placed.
4. All memorial work must be done in a workmanlike manner. Carvings and inscriptions by hand, sandblasting or other methods must be done in a skillful and artistic manner.
  - A. Lawn level markers are to be set even with the ground, not plumb or level.
  - B. All monuments or markers set above the surface of the ground must be set plumb and level.
    1. Monuments must be pinned to the base stone.
    2. Monolithic monuments must be pinned to their foundation.
5. A drawing with all designs and inscriptions on the stone, including artwork, must be submitted to the cemetery with the foundation order and a photo of the entire lot.
6. No memorial work may be installed in the cemetery until it has been inspected and approved by the cemetery to determine if the conditions and specifications have been fulfilled and the stone is a faithful execution of the design submitted.
  - A. Improperly set memorial work, or set without a cemetery permit, will be removed and stored. We require that lot owners and monument dealers deal fairly and follow all pertinent cemetery rules.
7. **A permit for memorial work will not be issued until the lot is paid for in full and fully covered with endowed care.**

8. All memorial foundations will be installed under the direction of the cemetery according to its specifications.
9. The cemetery has the right to charge fees for memorial permits or foundations, which permit will not be issued until the fees are paid in full.
  - A. The standard foundation procedure and charge applies when replacing existing markers.
  - B. It is the responsibility of the monument dealer to remove existing memorial work that is to be replaced.
10. The base of monuments must be rock pitched to at least 6" above the surface of the ground.
  - A. Freestanding marker sides must be rock pitched.

## **MONUMENT DEALERS**

11. Workmen employed by the monument dealers must adhere to the hours and conditions determined by the cemetery.
  - A. Hard hats are to be worn while performing work tasks in the cemetery as a safety requirement. Working without a hard hat is done at the worker's own risk.
12. **All OSHA and state regulations must be adhered to.**
  - A. Memorial work is to be performed during regular working hours Monday through Friday.
13. Monument dealers may not at any time solicit business from visitors to the cemetery; however, they may bring clients into the cemetery to show them memorial work.
14. The cemetery cannot accept memorials for safekeeping before installation. All memorials must be installed upon delivery to the cemetery.
15. The cemetery reserves the right to determine the location of a memorial on a lot.
16. The type and number of markers permitted on a particular lot will be set forth in the lot sales contract and/or section plot.
17. Memorial work will be set by approved independent contractors who work at the cemetery's specifications and under the control of the cemetery office. See Rule 4, A and B, above.
  - A. The job is to be done in a workmanlike manner.

- B. No litter is to remain after the memorial is installed and conditions returned as much as possible to what they were before installation.
  - C. Express permission must be obtained from the cemetery before heavy equipment is brought into the cemetery or a vehicle driven into a section.
18. Any damage to the lot, section or the cemetery must be repaired at the expense of the contractor.
- A. Damage to the personal property of others must be reported to the cemetery office. The costs of repairs is to be borne by the contractor.
19. The cemetery disclaims all responsibility for damage or injury to memorial work although it will exercise all ordinary care to protect them. Normal wear and tear due to cemetery operations is to be expected and causes no liability to the cemetery.
20. In the event of an error on the part of the cemetery it has no other liability than to correct its error at its expense. All other errors are the liability of those responsible.
- A. The cemetery is not liable for accuracy of orders received over the telephone. Please fax your instructions or present them in person to the cemetery office.
21. Maintenance and repair work necessary on memorial work is the sole responsibility of the lot holders and is not covered in the endowed care program.
- A. Dangerous or dilapidated stones are to be removed at the expense of the lot holder. (See General Rules).

## **LAWN LEVEL MARKERS IN GENERAL**

22. **In the older sections of Resurrection, Sts. Peter and Paul, Mt. Olive and Calvary Cemeteries, only, existing markers in the same row may be duplicated upon request.** Existing raised markers must be in the same row to be duplicated. In the older sections of Sacred Heart, St. Charles Borromeo, St. Ferdinand and St. Peter only lawn level markers will be allowed due to maintenance considerations.
23. Lots without monument privilege with no existing memorial work or where existing memorial work is to be removed by the monument dealer - only lawn level markers will be permitted.

24. Raised markers do not conform to modern cemetery design, increase the cost of maintenance and detract from the general appearance of the cemetery.
25. All markers will be set at the head of the graves level with the turf and on any one lot shall be of the same material, size and design. The bottom shall be smooth and the sides of the markers will be rock pitched or smooth with a pencil round edge and of uniform thickness.
26. Lettering and decorations shall be incised into the stone, not projecting above or on the face of the stone. Granite edges are brittle.

#### Child or Infant Graves:

27. One marker is permitted per grave space. Bronze markers shall be 11" to 18" by 6" x 9" and affixed to a 4" base. Granite markers shall be 11" to 18" X 10" x 4".

#### Single Grave:

28. One marker is permitted on a single grave. Its size shall be 24" X 12" x 4" or 24" X 16" X 4" centered at the head of the grave with the back line of the marker on the base line of the grave space.

#### Two Grave Lots:

29. One marker is permitted whose size shall be 24" X 16" X 4" or 30" X 16" X 4" centered at the head of the lot with the back line of the marker on the base line at the head of the lot.

#### Three Grave Lots:

30. Only one marker is permitted whose maximum size shall be 42" X 16" X 6" centered at the head of the lot with the back line of the marker on the base line at the head of the lot.

#### Four Grave Lots:

31. The lot will be treated as two, two grave lots or if the four graves are in a single row, two stones may be used as noted above or a single stone 42" X 16" X 6" or 54" X 16" X 6" centered above graves 2 and 3 is permitted.

#### Six Grave Lots:

32. Two markers are permitted of a maximum size of 42" x 16" X 6" centered with the top marker on the base line of the lot and the other bottom aligned with the head of the lower row of graves.

#### Larger Lots:

33. In general the layout of markers will follow the principles above. No marker may be placed in front of the monument. Other markers are to be at the head of the graves. All markers are to be of the same design and complimentary to the monument. Foot markers are only permitted to duplicate existing markers (See Rule 22.).

### Monument Lots:

34. Only those lots specifically designated in the section as a monument lot may have a freestanding memorial.
35. No marker is permitted on the graves immediately in front of a monument. Inscriptions for the interments in these graves should be placed on the base or die of the monument.
  - A. The back graves, nos. 1, 2 and 3, of a six grave lot may have a 42" X 16" X 6" lawn marker centered at the head of the three graves if a monument is not to be installed.
  - B. In some cases the front graves, nos. 4, 5 and 6, of a six grave lot may have an additional lawn level marker 42" X 16" X 6" centered on the lot, its front edge aligned with the head of the lower three graves.
36. Only one central or family monument will be allowed on a lot.
37. Monuments shall be centered on the back line of the lot unless specifically permitted otherwise by the contract terms.
38. The installation of stone vases on a monument is discouraged as they are fragile. The cemetery is not liable for the condition of vases or any damage to them.
  - A. A letter signed by the purchaser is to be on file with the cemetery that full responsibility for the vase(s) is with the family.
  - B. If a stone vase is used it must have a drain hole.
39. Monolithic monuments will be permitted but a special foundation with dowel pins is required.
40. All stonework and monuments joined to other stones must incorporate bronze dowels of at least 3/8" thickness and 6" long. Vertical joints must be epoxied and perfectly sealed. As much as possible vertical joints should be avoided and when used so fitted that the stones interlock as a mortise and tenon.
41. A lot that has a monument privilege, which has not as yet had a monument installed or where the monument is to be replaced, may have only one monument per lot which is to memorialize all those who are buried there.
42. A lot with an existing monument that will not accommodate the names of all those buried there and which has no head or foot stones may have only lawn level markers, following the cemeteries existing rules for such memorial work.
43. All monuments should be at least 3' high. The base size should be no less than 30% of the back line of the lot or no more than 60% of the back line. It should be proportionate in height to the die and site

location, i.e. slope of ground, and should be at least 6" rock pitched above the ground surface. The width of the base should be no less than 6" wide unless design consideration approved by the cemetery would suggest otherwise. Other designs may be approved, if appropriate, upon submission of detail drawings. We do not attempt to dictate taste, but to protect the interest of other lot holders.

- A. The cemetery encourages innovative designs.
- B. In the following sections, the maximum allowable monument base width is 12":

Resurrection Cemetery, Section 41, Section 44 Lots 7-50,  
Section 49

Calvary Cemetery, Section 33 Lots 253-362A

Sacred Heart Cemetery, Section 5

St. Ferdinand Cemetery, Section 20, Section 21

Our Lady Cemetery, Section 2

Holy Cross Cemetery, Section 3

St. Vincent Cemetery, Section 1

In Ste. Philippine Cimiterie, Section 3, the maximum allowable monument base width is 14".

- 44. Inlays may be used only with consent of the cemetery management, but with no liability to the cemetery for any damages whatsoever.
  - A. Ceramic photographs on memorials do not conform to cemetery practice, lend themselves to vandalism and to unfavorable comment. Express permission of the cemetery office must be obtained before they may be installed. The cemetery shall not be liable in any instance for damage to inlaid or attached material on memorials.
  - B. A letter signed by the purchaser is to be on file with the cemetery that full responsibility for the inlay or photograph on the memorial lies with the family.
  - C. Shared monuments are to be treated as family monuments in regards to lettering and photographs.
- 45. Lettering should be of design and size appropriate to the stone in question.
- 46. Permanent shadowing or coloration may be used in lettering but the cemetery cannot accept responsibility for permanency of such coloring.
- 47. Lettering should be at least 1/2" deep.
  - A. Raised, shadowed and other types of lettering may be employed **on monuments**. As such lettering is fragile, its use is at the lot holder's risk.



Sarpy/Morrison Monument in Calvary Cemetery

## **MATERIALS**

48. Materials used in the manufacture of memorial work should be selected with concern for durability. Icy weather, the heat of the sun and effects of air pollution all contribute to the deterioration of stonework.
- A. Granite is the most durable material and is recommended.
  - B. Hard, dense marble may be used.
  - C. Bronze or bronze and granite markers may be used.
  - D. Other materials are not approved.

NB Grouting must be either the monumental setting compound commonly used by the industry in St. Louis or an epoxy material. All joints are to have a perfect seal against moisture.

### **Conditions:**

It is the responsibility of the lot holder that all memorial work be maintained in a solid, non-hazardous condition. Any damage resulting from a misalignment or loose condition of a memorial is the liability of the lot holder. Stones are moved by the natural action of frost and weather. The family should inspect them from time to time.

## **RULES FOR FLOWERS AND PLANTING**

The following rules are designed to maintain the appearance of the cemetery and to make your visits more pleasant.

1. Effective January 1, 2005 — No more than two decorations per grave. The cemetery reserves the right to remove and discard any excess for the overall maintenance and appearance of the cemetery.
2. The planting of shrubs and flowers is carefully planned for the general appearance of the cemetery. Planting is not permitted on private lots.
3. Natural cut flowers are suggested.
4. Please do not bring glass, ceramic or metal holders as they are hazardous for the workmen and visitors.
5. The cemetery does not approve of permanent metal flower vases, nor will it accept any liability for their loss or damage under any circumstances. It is the responsibility of the lot holder to return the vases to their holder so that they will not damage the cemetery equipment.

- A. **Due to the nature of vases the cemetery is not liable for theft or damage under any circumstances whatsoever.**
  - B. Permanent metal flower vases were no longer permitted as of December 1, 1988.
6. Potted plants, votive lights, solar lights, balloons and other unsightly grave decorations are not appropriate in a cemetery.
- A. Please be aware of the sensitivities of others when decorating the grave of a loved one.
  - B. Materials used should have a religious motif in keeping with the sacred nature of the cemetery.
7. A Christmas wreath or grave covering of natural materials is permitted on a lot from Thanksgiving Day until the last week of January. Refer to annual decoration removal schedule for exact dates.
8. Flowers and **all** grave decorations will be picked up periodically by cemetery personnel. Annual decoration removal schedules are provided.
9. Foam plastic packaging is not biologically degradable and is a soil pollutant that hampers the growth of grass and other plants. Please do not bring it into the cemetery.
10. **The cemetery is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen grave decorations. The removal of flowers, planting or other property without proper authorization is theft and will be prosecuted.**
11. The quantity and disposition of funeral flowers on new graves is to be determined by the cemetery. They will only remain for one weekend after the interment as they become faded and unsightly. Display in a heated parlor drastically shortens the life of cut flowers.
12. **Planting material on a lot is not covered by endowed care and remains the responsibility of the lot holder.**

## **SPECIAL RULES REGARDING FLORAL GARDEN LAWN CRYPTS**

This innovative idea combines a flower garden with a lawn crypt for two entombments and a monument of your choice. Families are encouraged to select low growing plants, seasonal or perennial, and maintain them throughout the years. When this ceases, the cemetery will install and maintain ground cover. It is important not to encroach on the nearby crypts of others. The monument may be installed at any time after the lawn crypt is paid for in full and may be a maximum height of 30", a maximum length of 30", monolithic in design of a width between 8" and 10". They must be pinned to the concrete foundation, as bases are not permitted.

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