

VISITING POLICY

This is Holy Ground . . .

These Are God's Acres

Through the years, the burial places of deceased Christians awaiting the Resurrection have been viewed as "sacred sleeping places." Reverence has always been accorded these sacred grounds by the living through prayer, reflection and visitation.

In this spirit, every decent human act that enhances body, mind or spirit -- such as walking or riding a bicycle -- can be considered wholesome and holy. Thus, we see no contradiction in using a Catholic Cemetery for these and other respectable activities.

We respectfully ask those using these sacred grounds to extend the following courtesies:

- Assume the good intent of everyone on our grounds and presume their respect of the sacredness of these premises.
- Walkers, runners, riders and the like should remain only on roadways.
- Pets must be kept on a leash and never allowed to run free among the graves, staying only on roadways. Cleaning up after a pet is essential since no one wants pet feces on a loved one's grave. Then, droppings are to be disposed of properly.

The Catholic Cemeteries are committed to public safety and security. The police, as well as private security companies, have access to our grounds. Modern security practices and equipment are employed as well.

REVERENT ATTITUDES
AND RESPECTFUL
ACTIONS ARE REQUESTED
AT ALL TIMES.

VISITATION HOURS

CEMETERY GROUNDS & EXTERIOR MAUSOLEUMS

Every day from dawn to dusk

INTERIOR & COURTYARD MAUSOLEUMS

Monday - Friday	8 am - 4:30 pm
Saturday	8 am - 4:00 pm
Sunday & Holidays	10 am - 4:00 pm

OFFICE HOURS

CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION

Monday - Friday	8 am - 4:30 pm
Saturday	8 am - 4:00 pm
Sunday & Holidays	CLOSED

Not all business can be conducted after noon on Saturdays.

FAMILY SERVICE ADVISOR CEMETERY COVERAGE

Daily (See hours above.)

- Holy Cross
- Saint Adalbert / Holy Trinity

Monday - Friday (See hours above.)

- Mount Olivet

On-Call at all times (See phone numbers on back.)

- All Saints
- Calvary
- Resurrection
- St. Joseph

FAMILY SERVICE ADVISOR

Appointments can be arranged at any agreed time and place, as required.

CLOSED

All Offices & Interior Mausoleums are closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year's

OPEN

Interior Mausoleums are open all other days of the year (See hours above.)

CEMETERY DECORATION PRIVILEGES

SPRING, SUMMER AND FALL

(Annually April 16 - October 14)

Vases: Approved and installed by cemetery; permitted at any occupied and marked grave.

Decorations must always be placed in a vase and never just stuck in the ground.

At flush markers (ground level) a vase is the only decoration option; vases can be placed at raised markers. (See policy for **American Flags** below.)

Vases may be turned up and used only from April 16 to October 14. Cemetery personnel turn vases down in Fall; personnel do not turn vases up in the Spring.

Annual and Perennial Plantings: Permitted only at any raised marker. Plantings can extend out a maximum of 12-inches from the marker on the front and two sides. All plantings are trimmed flush to ground in Fall.

American Flags: Alone or in standards may be placed at any grave, as close as possible to the marker, **from May 1 - July 14 only**. All American flags and flag standards will be removed starting July 15. It is preferable for family or friends to remove flag (and standard) for reuse. Prior to Memorial Day, family or friends should plan to place flags at veteran's graves. Flags can also be put in mausoleum vases.

Note: Groups who once placed flags at graves often cannot do so now. No dishonor to the veteran is intended, just a practical problem. Catholic cemeteries have never taken responsibility for this service.

CHRISTMAS AND WINTER

(Annually November 16 - March 14)

Wreaths, Crosses & Other Decorations: At any grave should be on a stand at least 24-inches high. A tripod is best for stability.

Vases: Must be turned down in Winter.

CEMETERY CLEANING

PRIMARY CLEANING PERIODS

Cemetery grounds crews completely clean every cemetery twice a year -- Spring and Fall.

SPRING CLEANING

(Annually March 15 - April 15)

FALL CLEANING

(Annually October 15 - November 15)

During the cleanings, the crews remove and discard all artificial decorations from the previous decorating period.

Families or friends should remove any decoration they wish to save for reuse. The artificial decorations must be removed by March 14 and by October 14, that is, before the two cleaning periods begin.

Once a decoration has been removed from a grave, it cannot be retrieved.

New decorations are allowed only after each cleaning is complete.

Once a specific area has been cleaned, (even if the cleaning period has not expired) the next decorating period's regulations will prevail.

Annual and perennial plantings will be trimmed flush to the ground during the Fall cleaning.

SECONDARY CLEANING PERIODS

Cemetery grounds crews clean every cemetery regularly during the Spring, Summer and Fall months to remove and discard decorations not in compliance with decoration policies. Anything not in a vase or growing in the ground will be removed in time.

Around several summer holidays, cleanings are suspended for special decorating. (See **Special Decoration Consideration** for further details.)

OTHER DECORATION REGULATIONS

Bushes and Trees

Planted only with the prior approval of cemetery administration.

Edging, Fencing, Curbing, Stones, Mulch, and any Landscaping Items

Not allowed.

Wooden Crosses

No taller than 18-inches are allowed to temporarily mark a new grave with the approval of administration. When a permanent grave marker is placed, the wooden cross is removed. Catholic Cemeteries will provide such a cross when a marker is ordered through us.

MAUSOLEUM DECORATION PRIVILEGES

In order to maintain consistency and beauty throughout the mausoleum areas (crypts and niches), as well as abstain from subjective day-to-day approval, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee has developed objective placement standards. All crypt and niche memorialization (bronze emblems and crosses, vases and artificial bouquets, photoceramics, lettering) must be purchased through and placed by Archdiocese of Milwaukee Catholic Cemeteries only.

MAUSOLEUM CLEANING

Anything placed on a crypt or niche front not purchased through Archdiocese of Milwaukee Catholic Cemeteries is considered a violation of decoration policies, including cards, photos, flowers, flags and the like.

Such items are often placed for Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. These articles will be allowed for ten days, then removed. (See **Special Decoration Consideration** in following section.)

SPECIAL DECORATION CONSIDERATION

Special decorations will be permitted at a burial location for these holidays: Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day, and Christmas.

Except for Christmas, decorations can be placed starting the weekend **before** the holiday. Decorations may remain in place through the weekend **following** the holiday, approximately ten days. After the second weekend, all will systematically be removed.

For Christmas, at graves decorations may remain from mid-November until mid-March.

At crypts and niches, decorations can be placed starting with the Sunday after Thanksgiving until New Year's Day. After that all will systematically be removed.

Any violations of any decoration policy will be removed and discarded. Family or friends should remove first.

GENERAL RULES

Catholic Cemeteries reserve the right to correct or remove at any time any decoration or planting that is unsightly, overgrown, or violates any decoration policy.

This brochure highlights some of the important rules, regulations & policies of Catholic Cemeteries, but does not present all of them. **For any question not specifically answered here, check first with the cemetery office.**

Catholic Cemeteries reserve the right to update and change policies at any time.

We all have a common purpose...

...remembering and memorializing our beloved deceased at their graves, crypts and niches while maintaining an overall order, beauty and tidiness within our cemetery grounds and buildings.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

A FINAL THOUGHT

Your Catholic Cemeteries, owned and operated by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee on behalf of parishes, give witness to a faithful community of Christ's disciples -- the deceased, the living, even those still-to-be-born -- of all walks and stations in life.

We are committed to your family. These cemeteries are places of family heritage. We invite you to come...to laugh...to cry...to remember...to pray...to smile...to love.

Your Catholic Cemeteries are holy places for prayer, for memory, for service, for renewed purpose. These are sacred environments where...

LIFE is remembered,
LOVE is deepened,
HOPE is rekindled and
FAITH is awakened, renewed
and strengthened.

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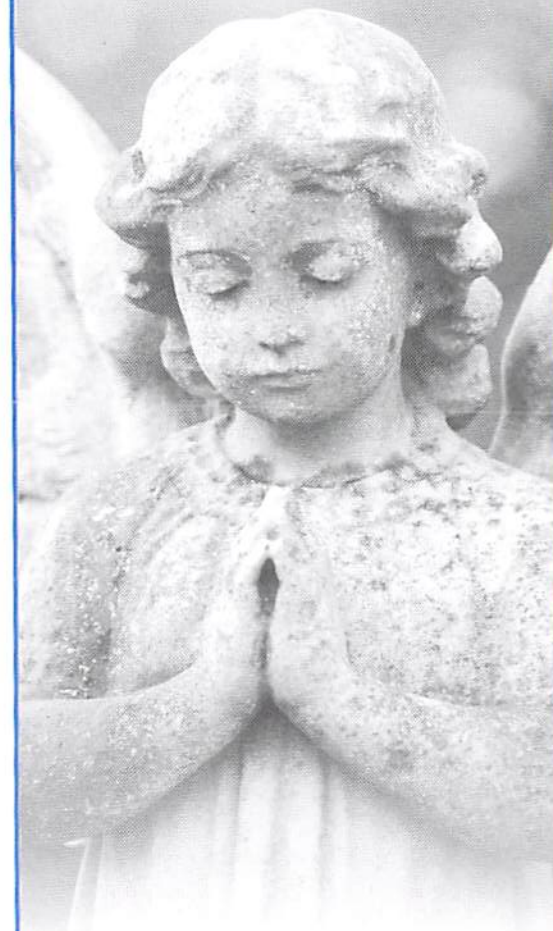
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Visitations & Decorations



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A tradition of comforting concern