Burial in a Catholic cemetery is a reaffirmation of that faith and a statement proclaiming your belief in Christ’s words — *I am the Resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.* (John 11:24)

For generations, Milwaukee-area Christian Faithful have shown their faith in part by choosing Catholic Cemeteries. The Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese exercise a ministry of consoling service to parishes that continues uninterrupted since 1857. We are guided by the Roman Catholic Church, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and the needs of those we serve.

**Comfort**

Archdiocesan Cemeteries offer the comfort of faith in various ways —

- **Services**
  - The place and manner of each death is so unique, so variable. Death often brings a sense of bewilderment, loss and uncertainty, even despair. Therefore, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee Catholic Cemeteries minister to the varied physical and emotional needs of our community of mourners. Our Grief Education Services provide crisis intervention and follow-up grief support after a death. Our competent and compassionate professional staff understands the power of death and loss, the reality of grief and mourning. Specifically, our Director of Grief Education Services and Family Service Counselors are specially trained and available to assist our Christian faithful through their grief journey. Also, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee Catholic Cemeteries have a full-time Priest Spiritual Director available to support the spiritual needs of our Christian faithful. Furthermore, we foster a climate of spirituality, prayer and liturgy, especially in memorial services and Masses. These gatherings assemble those who are grieving and help them find the path to peace and acceptance.

**Concern**

Your Catholic Cemeteries offer the service today with a wise eye focused on the future —

- **Personnel**
  - The Paschal Mystery of Christ’s dying and rising is our prime concern. From the administrative to the labor staffs, the personnel of the Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese are dedicated to the respectful care of the People of God. We, even in death, remain part of the Christian community. The Catholic Cemeteries offer concern as a ministry of consolation.

**Value**

Out of concern for those we serve and will serve, Archdiocesan Cemeteries are administered in prudent ways. Balancing ministry and business, we offer a variety of burial options, services and products that honor our dead and assure the lasting spiritual presence of the Cemeteries without imposing an unrealistic financial burden on the living.

Because of our religious orientation, comparable products and services are often available at some savings. Any excess funds from the operation of the Catholic Cemeteries are utilized by the Archdiocese for the ministry needs of the wider church, both locally and beyond.

**Tradition**

From the earliest days of Christianity, special burial places were set aside, considered sacred and honored. This 2,000-year tradition is based on our foundational belief in the Resurrection of Jesus — those who have died with Him in faith will rise again in hope.

**Environment**

Our cemetery environments point to another world and remind us of our existence between the living and the dead, between Heaven and Earth. These places help us remember the dead while supporting the grief journey of the living. Religious environments testify to the timeless, yet timely beliefs and values of our faith communities. Beautiful and sacred chapels and mausoleums, designed to accommodate the Catholic Liturgy of Burial, encourage frequent visitation. Shrines, statues and other inspiring artwork minister through their beauty. Among the graves, the individual markers, monuments and memorials represent statements of faith crafted in stone, wood, metal.

Our natural environments also inspire through beauty. God’s own creation testifies to a great beauty. Christ himself shared our human nature with water, anointed with oil, nourished with the Communion of Saints, and reminded us of the unity that exists between the living and the dead — whether male or female, rich or poor, powerful or ordinary.

- **Your Catholic Cemeteries attest to the unity of living believers and the faithful departed as a sign of the Communion of Saints in our midst.**
- **Your Catholic Cemeteries express in words, deeds and objects our belief in the sacredness of human persons, living and dead — whether male or female, rich or poor, powerful or ordinary.**
- **Your Catholic Cemeteries provide a focus for the Christian community for prayerful remembrance of the dead.**
- **Your Catholic Cemeteries witness to life beyond life, life after death.**
The Resurrection is one of the most profound truths of our faith. It transformed a world of darkness (throwing off its chains of despair) into a world of light (walking in the light of hope). This hope confirms our faith that Jesus has triumphed over death. This faith is a guarantee that those who sleep in death will also be raised. Resurrection Cemetery celebrates this truth.

We are committed to your family...those deceased and those living. We invite you to come — to laugh, to cry, to remember, to pray, to smile and 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.

WE ALL BELONG HERE TOGETHER!

FAITH is awakened, renewed
HOPE is rekindled and
LOVE is deepened,

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