

Why Choose A Catholic Cemetery?

Catholic Cemeteries are a ministry of the Roman Catholic Church, offering the ministry of consolation. Through the Church, the Body of Christ, we are touched with mercy and love, grace and goodness from *the womb to the tomb*.

Our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, baptized with water, anointed with oil, nourished with the Body and Blood of the Lord, touched with healing and love. Christ himself shared our human nature and had a mortal body. Therefore, we always treat human beings and their mortal remains with respect, dignity and honor.

In your Catholic Cemeteries, we reverently bury the dead, offer compassion and consolation to the living and carry out sacred religious functions [Canon Law 1205]. We create a place of care and prayer, expressing the beauty of our relationship to God through these graced environments

Here we can fulfill the Corporal Work of Mercy to *Bury the dead* along with the Spiritual Works of Mercy to *Console the sorrowing* and *Pray for the living and the dead*.

So, here are reasons to choose a Catholic cemetery for burial —

- Your Catholic Cemeteries attest to the unity of living believers and the faithful departed — 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.

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.

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 has 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 is nurtured. These gatherings assemble those who are grieving and help them find the path to peace and acceptance.

Environment —

Our cemetery environments point to another world and remind us of the unity that exists 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 power used with tender care. The cycle of the seasons, with sprouting, blossoming, fruiting, harvest and finally death, is a metaphor for life's journey. We continually are enhancing the landscaping and plantings on our grounds to create beautiful settings respectful of God and all God has created.

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, who, 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.

Assured Heritage —

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee Catholic Cemeteries fulfill a sacred trust to those who have died. We will continue to preserve and maintain these sacred burial grounds for generations to come. We maintain adequate care funds in trust that far exceed simple endowment and guarantee perpetual upkeep.

Together

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee owns and operates eight cemeteries and seven mausoleums within four counties in southeastern Wisconsin on behalf of Catholic parishes and their members. Here is information about the history and meaning of each of our locations —

Calvary Cemetery & Mausoleum

5503 West Bluemound Road
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53208
414 438 4420 answered at Holy Cross
Established in 1857. Grounds cover 65 acres; about 70,000 buried in graves; 300 crypts and niches added in 2001.

Jesus carried the cross to a hill called Calvary, outside the ancient city of Jerusalem, where he was crucified. Buried in a nearby cave, he was raised there from the dead, so that we too might live in newness of life. As St. Paul writes, *If we die with Christ, we shall live with Him, and if we are faithful to the end, we shall reign with Him* (Romans 6:8).

Holy Cross Cemetery & Mausoleum

7301 West Nash Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53216
414 438 4420
Established in 1909. Grounds cover 196 acres; about 135,000 buried in graves; 19,000 crypts and niches.

If you are searching for the way to life everlasting, with faith in your heart, take the path that Jesus took. So, his disciples accept His cross and His way — it is the means of our salvation and the path to the resurrection. It is fitting to memorialize the Holy Cross of Jesus through a cemetery where the quest for everlasting life is now fulfilled for the faithful departed.

Holy Trinity Cemetery

3564 South 13th Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53221
[contiguous with Saint Adalbert Cemetery, but entry is possible only through two gates off South 13th Street, just north of Saint Adalbert gate on the same street] Holy Trinity Office is inside Saint Adalbert Office
414 483 3663
Established in 1865. Grounds cover 30 acres; about 10,000 buried in graves.

The Trinitarian prayer with accompanying gesture — the Sign of the Cross — has become the trademark of our faith reminding us that God is Father, Son and Spirit, three Persons, one God. We were baptized in the name of the Holy Trinity. We will receive the fullness of union with the Trinity when we die and are laid to rest. How appropriate to have our departed loved ones entrusted to the care of the Blessed Trinity here.

Mount Olivet Cemetery & Mausoleum

3801 West Morgan Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53221
414 645 0611
Established in 1907. Grounds cover 70 acres; about 26,000 buried in graves; 7,500 crypts and niches.

The Garden of Gethsemane on Mount Olivet, located outside the ancient city of Jerusalem, designates the place where Jesus prayed to the Father while anticipating His imminent passion and death. When the time came, Jesus was prepared. How important it is for us to pray and prepare for our funeral and final resting place while anticipating our final union with the Father for all eternity.

Saint Adalbert Cemetery & Mausoleum

3801 South 6th Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53221
414 483 3663
Established in 1888 (once called Polish Union Cemetery). Grounds cover 98 acres; about 63,000 buried in graves; 19,000 crypts and niches.

This cemetery memorializes Saint Adalbert, a monk who became Archbishop of Magdeburg in the tenth century. His ministry was to the Slavic people who honor him today as a patron saint. To this end, he is memorialized in this cemetery where thousands of people of Polish ancestry have been laid to rest.

All Saints Cemetery & Mausoleum

3300 Springbrook Road
Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin 53158
262 694 2040
Established in 1962. Grounds cover 97 acres; about 3,500 buried in graves; 5,000 crypts and niches

The faithful living and the faithful departed are all one in God's love, one in their likeness to Christ, one in their baptismal hope. This is the Communion of Saints we profess in the Creed. We have entrusted the guardianship of this cemetery to *all the holy ones* who have gone before us in faith as we anticipate our eternal union with Christ and those who have gone before us in faith.

Resurrection Cemetery & Mausoleum

9400 West Donges Bay Road
Mequon, Wisconsin 53092
262 242 3850
Established in 1968. Grounds cover 215 acres; about 2,800 buried in graves; 1,500 crypts and niches.

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.

Saint Joseph Cemetery & Mausoleum

S22 W22890 East Broadway Avenue
Waukesha, Wisconsin 53186
262 547 4927
Acquired by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee from St. Joseph Parish in 1990; first burials go back to the 1840s. Grounds cover 25 acres; about 10,400 buried in graves; 4,500 crypts and niches.

Saint Joseph was chosen by the eternal Father as the trustworthy guardian and faithful protector of His greatest treasures, namely his Son Jesus and Mary, Joseph's wife and the Mother of Jesus. Our faith tells us that, as children of the Father through Baptism, are placed under the safeguard of St. Joseph, today honored as the Protector of the Church, in life and after death as we are laid to rest and await the resurrection.

A Final Thought

Your Catholic Cemeteries, owned and operated by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee on behalf of the Catholic 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...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!

Archdiocese of Milwaukee Catholic Cemeteries

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Resurrection–Mequon 262-242-3850
All Saints–Kenosha 262-694-2040
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