



CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

Calvary - St. Michael - St. Louis - St. John Cemeteries

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CEMETERY MAINTENANCE AND BEAUTIFICATION

PLANTS HAVE A WAY OF BRINGING A SENSE OF HOPE AND RENEWAL THEY CAN BECOME AN EXTENSION OF YOUR LOVE FOR YOUR DEPARTED LOVE ONE

Nothing can be planted on graves with no memorial. For those cases, there are designated areas around the cemetery where families can plant annual flowers or spring bulbs. Approval must be obtained prior to planting.

With the exception of level makers, all memorials allow families to plant and maintain annual or perennial flowers or spring bulbs within 6" to the front and sides of the memorial. Good choices for annuals are begonias, geraniums, impatiens, petunias, or pansies. Good choices for perennials are daylilies, hostas, false asters, peonies, helleborus, coneflowers and small iris varieties. Restrictions apply. Please check with the office.

Plantings require wood or bark mulching and regular weeding. The management reserves the right to remove flowers and plantings if, in its sole opinion, they are not properly maintained. Rock or plastic borders are not allowed.

The Catholic Cemeteries will not be responsible for flowers or plantings if they are damaged or removed in the process of performing a burial, inscription or maintenance work in that area.

Each month, the Catholic Cemeteries deposits at least 20% of each grave sale into the "Perpetual Care and Maintenance Fund" for the purpose of providing the general maintenance of the cemetery in perpetuity. The term general maintenance includes, but is not limited to, the following: mowing of the grass, trimming around memorials, the maintenance of roads, fences, gates, cemetery's features, buildings and other structures, repairing foundations, etc. Donations to this fund can be made by families by designating their donation as "for the perpetual care and maintenance fund of the Catholic Cemeteries". Only the interest of this fund is used for the maintenance of the cemeteries, the principal remains unused.

On graves with monuments, shrubbery (rose shrubs are not allowed) and ivy can be requested. Approval of the management must be obtained before planting can be performed. The shrubs or ivy can be planted by cemetery personnel for a fee, with one year guarantee, or by the family, with approval of the management. Unauthorized plantings will result in the removal of such plantings. The removal of shrubs, unless approved by the management, will only be performed by cemetery personnel. The type of shrub that can be used will depend on the size of the lot. Good choices are green mountain or green velvet boxwood, dwarf nandina, dwarf hinoki cypress, spirea, taxus, china girl holly, leatherleaf mahonia and hetz midget arborvitae.

Cemetery personnel will perform all maintenance work to shrubbery which includes trimming, fertilizing, mulching and spraying for insects and diseases. For that work, and for the cleaning of memorials and mausoleums, families can choose between one of the following four different programs:

- ▶ **Annual Care Program:** In July, families are billed the service charges for the period July-June. This program does not guarantee the plantings. Families are responsible for the cost of planting and replacing the shrubs or ivy, if they die.
- ▶ **15 Year Care Program:** Families pay a flat charge upfront for the services to be provided in the term of the agreement. This program covers the cost of planting and replacing the plantings if they die in the 15 year term.
- ▶ **30 Year Care Program:** Families pay a flat charge upfront for the services to be provided in the term of the agreement. This program covers the cost of planting and replacing the plantings if they die in the 30 year term.
- ▶ **Endowments:** Families can set up endowments to provide particular services for their lot that are not covered by the general maintenance of the cemetery. The amount of the endowment will be determined by the management at its sole discretion based on the services to be provided.