



Summarized Handbook for Resurrection Parish Cemeteries

Immaculate Conception - Edgewood Avenue
St. Casimir - Esterville Road
St. Columba - D Street Extension
St. Emerich - Kaiser Street
St. Rochus - Mercury Avenue
St. Stephen - Fairlane Court

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Introduction

From the time that the Body of our Crucified Savior was laid in the tomb to await the his glorious Resurrection, the Church has been most solicitous to surround with an atmosphere of Christian faith and reverence the burial of those who will rise with Christ. As a further seal and symbol of that faith she sets apart and blesses the place in which the bodies of her faithful departed await the day of Resurrection.

In the very earliest days, Mother Church found it necessary to make rules and regulations which would protect the sacred places and the relics laid therein. She could not and would not allow anything within the holy precincts which would desecrate them, lessen their beauty or bring dishonor on the dead.

To insure the sacred character of Resurrection Parish cemeteries, each cemetery is governed by the Pastor relying on his Cemetery Committee. The Cemetery Committee has developed a Parish Cemetery Handbook for this purpose. This Handbook incorporates directives from the Canon Law of the Roman Catholic Church along with guidelines from the Handbook for Parish Cemeteries issued by the Bishop of the Diocese. A copy of the complete Handbook is available for review in the Parish office.

This is a Catholic Cemetery operated and maintained for the interment of those entitled to Christian burial according to the guidelines of the Roman Catholic Church. When one purchases a Burial Privilege Certificate, he or she and heirs bind

themselves to the governing principles mentioned above currently in effect, or as amended in the future. Violation of these principles may result in the forfeiture of one's privilege to use the burial plot. When a plot holder is dissatisfied with the Pastor's application of the provisions of Canon Law or the Handbook for Resurrection Parish Cemeteries, appeal may be made to the Diocesan Bishop. He or his designated representative will make the final decision.

Buyer's Rights and Responsibilities

The purchase of a Burial Privilege Certificate, whether in a grave or a crypt, does not acquire title to the property itself. Plots are for the interment of the plot holder; they may not be sold for profit by holders of Burial Privilege Certificates. All interments must be in accord with Church Law. No symbols or ceremonies, religious or otherwise, may be used or performed that would be contrary or offensive to Catholic principles.

This is a Catholic Cemetery. To keep its distinctly religious nature, only Christian symbols are permitted on the memorials. Scenes depicting a decedent's occupation, hobbies, interests, fraternal associations, and so on, are not permitted. The depiction of animals as found in Sacred Scripture is appropriate only if the Scripture verse is used with it to show that it is of a religious nature. Therefore, the Management requests a printed diagram showing the design and specifications for each memorial and inscription for advance approval.

All memorials are to be finished in accordance with trade standards and good craftsmanship. They must be in proportion to the size of the lot. Their foundations must be installed by

qualified bonded contractors under the supervision of the Management. In the event that a memorial does not conform to the specifications as approved, the Management will request that the memorial be removed by the dealer, otherwise the Management shall have the right to remove it at the expense of the dealer.

Memorial dealers and outside contractors are considered independent contractors and are to be bonded for work in the Cemetery. The Management is not responsible for defects in memorials or foundations caused by the memorial dealer.

Perpetual Care includes the cutting of grass and trimming around memorials. Care does not include placement, maintenance or repair of any memorials or the planting of flowers or ornamental plants on specific plots.

To facilitate routine care and maintenance of a cemetery, plot holders may plant and prune flowers, but not shrubs or trees, nor may they erect fences, border arrangements, furniture, or any decorations without prior approval of the Management.

The Management is not liable for damages arising from vandalism, natural disasters, public unrest, or any cause beyond the reasonable control of the Management.

The Management may refuse to open a grave or permit the placement of a memorial when just debts are not paid or when there is a question of ownership of the plot.

The Management may, at its discretion, repurchase plots, graves or crypts at original cost minus any outstanding expenses. Any transfer of ownership rights must be made by the Management.

Plot holders are to keep the Management informed of their current address. The address on file will be considered the legal address for notices pertaining to a cemetery.

Upon the death of a plot holder, all privileges in the plot shall pass to the spouse; then to those named or designated in instructions left for a cemetery or in the will; finally to those designated according to the Pennsylvania law of intestacy. A new Burial Privilege Certificate is to be issued in all instances by the Management.

All inquiries and business concerning the cemeteries are to be made through the cemetery manager or the parish manager.

Visitors

This Cemetery is private property. Unless otherwise specified in The Rules and Regulations, a cemetery is closed from dusk to dawn.

All persons entering a cemetery for whatever reason must display proper respect for the deceased and for the sacred ground in which they are interred.

The Management shall have the right to take such measures as the circumstances warrant in order to ensure strict observance of this basic principle. Unless otherwise specified, children under the age of fourteen (14) years must be accompanied by a parent or other adult. No pets

except trained seeing-eye dogs are permitted on Cemetery grounds.

There is to be no loitering or unlawful assembly, no boisterous language or inappropriate actions, no alcohol or controlled substances in the cemeteries.

No firearms may be brought on to the property or discharged without permission of the Management. Hunting on Cemetery property, littering and vandalism are punishable by a fine and/or imprisonment. Violators will be prosecuted.

All off-highway vehicles, bicycles, skateboards, roller blades, snowmobiles, etc. are prohibited in a cemetery. No illegal parking of cars is permitted. The speed limit in a cemetery is a maximum of 10 MPH.

The Management shall have the right to make improvements to the cemeteries at all times.

In all matters not herein specifically covered, the Management shall have the right to determine and decide any and all questions that shall arise.

Standard Fee Applying to All Resurrection Parish Governed Cemeteries

Securing a Burial Privilege Certificate (plot) for a parishioner

\$300.00 (\$150 plot + \$150 perpetual care)

Securing a Burial Privilege Certificate (plot) for a non-parishioner

\$400.00 (\$200 plot + \$200 perpetual care)

Opening of a grave for casket burial

\$650.00

Opening of a grave for cremated remains

\$275.00

Opening of a grave for disinterment

\$325.00 *

Transfer of a Burial Privilege Certificate

\$100.00

Application to erect a memorial

\$50.00

* plus the fees charged by the outside contractors