

Diocese of Camden



Mausoleum Guidelines

Our Catholic Cemeteries...

Rest in His loving arms

...have a history as old as the catacombs. Early on our forefathers in the Faith found the ministry of burial of the dead most important. From the catacombs, where early Christians met secretly in prayer and entombed the mortal remains of the early martyrs, to today, where the diocesan cemeteries serve the needs of Catholics located in this area...Our Catholic cemeteries silently bear witness to the respect we give the human body, even in death, because of its status as Temple of the Holy Spirit.

Our Catholic Cemeteries provide an environment of comfort in times of sorrow and are meant to continually remind us that Jesus Christ promised one day we would be all together in the Eternal Life of the Resurrection.

These policies have been prepared with the approval of the Diocesan Cemetery Committee. The regulations are designed to promote safety, improve the general appearance and facilitate maintenance of the cemeteries. We have tried to establish policies that are fair and safe. Your patience, understanding and cooperation in complying with these guidelines will preserve the safety, beauty and sacredness of our Catholic cemeteries.

Artificial flowers are permitted in cemetery provided and installed vases all during the year. No glass or ceramic items, statues, novelties & ornaments are permitted in the vases and will be removed. Cemetery personnel will remove the flowers when they become unsightly.

Flags and flag holders are permitted on Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day and Veteran's Day only. Cemetery staff may remove them one week after the holiday.

The VA furnishes a bronze medallion that can be affixed to a crypt, niche front or placed inside a glass niche for veterans. Applications must be processed through the cemetery office.

Vigil lights and solar lights are prohibited. Miscellaneous containers such as jars, cans, etc. will not be permitted.

Hanging items such as rosary beads and wind chimes are not permitted.

The taping of cards, letters, pictures and other items is not permitted. Porcelain portraits ordered and installed by the cemetery staff are permitted. No other photographs are allowed.

Please note that the cemetery staff attempts to hold items removed for a period of time so that visitors can reclaim these items if they so desire.

Glass Niche and Urn Information....

Because of the holiness and Catholic identity of the mausoleum, urns selected for placement in our glass niches must be of a respectful nature. Size requirements must be enforced so that the urn can properly fit into the appropriate niche space. The placement of personal rosary beads are encouraged with the urn. No additional objects with the exception of porcelain portraits on easels, VA medallions and nameplates provided through the cemetery office are permitted.

Please observe the following:

- Park on the road
- No pets allowed
- Visit only during daylight hours

Cemetery maintenance may only be done by cemetery personnel.

The Federal Occupational Health and Safety Act is very specific regarding the adequate protection of employees and visitors. For this reason, we must strictly enforce these guidelines in our cemeteries.

Mausoleum Hours 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM


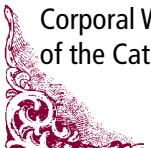




Mission Statement

It is the deepest desire of Catholic Cemeteries in the Diocese of Camden to sacredly bury the dead and bring comfort to the grieving.

Our cemeteries provide holy grounds where we bring respectful dignity to the mortal remains entrusted to our care. We believe that we owe recognition to those previous generations who have lived in faith. In death, as in life, we belong to the Lord.



Our faith in Jesus' Resurrection enables us to offer hope and warmth to the hearts and souls burdened with grief and anxiety. We feel truly blessed and sacredly privileged to practice this Corporal Work of Mercy through the tradition of the Catholic Church.

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*Lord God,
Whose days are without end
and whose mercies beyond
counting,
Keep us mindful
that life is short and the
hour of death unknown.*

*Let your spirit guide our
days on earth
in the ways of holiness
and justice,
that we may serve you
in union with the whole
Church, sure in faith,
strong in hope, perfected
in love.*

Amen

