



Diocese of Manchester



*“The Catholic cemetery is consecrated to mark that history, that presence, the very person God will always know, but others often forget,” said **Bishop Peter A. Libasci, D.D.** “When we visit, look, read, and pause to pray, one who is beloved of God tells his or her story once again.”*

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES - DID YOU KNOW?

- There are **66 Catholic cemeteries in New Hampshire** (please see reverse side for one near you).
- Catholics are entitled to the three-part **Funeral Rite: Vigil (Wake), Funeral Mass, and Committal**. For more information on the Funeral Rite go to: catholicnh.org/funeral-rites
- Catholic cemeteries provide locations for both full body burials and burial of cremated remains.

WITNESSES TO EVERLASTING LIFE

- Death is not the end! Respect for the person necessarily includes respect for the body.
- The Church prefers Catholics be buried and memorialized in a Catholic cemetery or on sacred ground **and recommends that the pious custom of full body burial be retained.**
- Cremation is not forbidden, but out of respect for the dignity of the body, cremated remains are to be buried intact; memorialized, and **without scattering, separating, combining, dividing, or encased in jewelry.**

MONUMENTS OF HOPE AND PEACE

- Catholic cemeteries represent our shared hope in the resurrection of the body.
- Burying the dead fulfills a **Corporal Work of Mercy**, while Catholic cemeteries provide a place to pray for the dead and fulfill the **Spiritual Work of Mercy.**

RESOURCES: Diocese of Manchester - catholicnh.org/catholic-cemeteries and catholicnh.org/funeral-rites

Video on Catholic Cemeteries - Monuments of Hope and Peace, visit youtube.com/catholicnh and click on the Featured Playlist

Catholic Guide to End-of-Life Decisions – Three Beliefs: catholicnh.org/threebeliefs

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For purchasing lots or pre-need planning, volunteering, and other questions, contact a local cemetery listed on the reverse side.