



## DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER MEMORANDUM

To: Funeral Homes in New Hampshire  
From: David A. Gabert, Director of Catholic Cemeteries in the Diocese of Manchester, NH  
Date: September 1, 2024  
RE: Catholic Cemeteries Educational Flyers

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I hope all is well. Included in this mailing, for your reference and sharing with your clients at your discretion, are 25 flyers that explain the importance of Catholic Cemeteries. You can find all of the Catholic cemeteries in New Hampshire on the reverse side of the flyer and at: [www.catholicnh.org/cemeteries](http://www.catholicnh.org/cemeteries).

Some of the important Catholic teachings on this subject are highlighted on the flyer, as follows:

- The Church prefers Catholics be ***buried*** and memorialized in a Catholic cemetery or in a nondenominational cemetery (indoor mausoleums and outdoor columbaria within a cemetery are also acceptable). To find out more about Catholic cemeteries go to [www.catholicnh.org/catholic-cemeteries](http://www.catholicnh.org/catholic-cemeteries);
- All Catholics, Catechumens, and Christians are entitled to the Rite of Christian Burial celebrated in three parts: **Vigil (Wake), Funeral Mass, and Committal** (preferably in a Catholic Cemetery or other nondenominational cemetery). For more information on the Catholic Funeral Rite go to [www.catholicnh.org/funeral-rites](http://www.catholicnh.org/funeral-rites); and
- The Church prefers that the pious custom of full body burial be retained. However, cremation is not forbidden. In order to give proper respect for the dignity of the bodily remains, cremated remains are to be interred completely **intact within a nonbiodegradable urn; without scattering, separating to be encased in jewelry, or dividing so as to have multiple burial sites.**

For further information and/or assistance on Catholic teachings pertaining to the Catholic Funeral Rite and Catholic cemeteries, please contact a Catholic parish in your geographic location or contact the Catholic Cemetery Office and/or the Office of Worship at (603) 669-3100.

You are welcome to contact me directly for additional flyers at [dgabert@rcbm.org](mailto:dgabert@rcbm.org). Thank you for your consideration.



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](http://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](http://catholicnh.org/catholic-cemeteries) and [catholicnh.org/funeral-rites](http://catholicnh.org/funeral-rites)

Video on Catholic Cemeteries - Monuments of Hope and Peace, visit [youtube.com/catholicnh](http://youtube.com/catholicnh) and click on the Featured Playlist

Catholic Guide to End-of-Life Decisions – Three Beliefs: [catholicnh.org/threebeliefs](http://catholicnh.org/threebeliefs)

Contact David A. Gabert, Director of Cemetery Operations, [dgabert@rcbm.org](mailto:dgabert@rcbm.org), (603) 663-0191

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

# CATHOLIC CEMETERIES IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

All phone numbers begin with the (603) area code.

**AMHERST** • St. Patrick Cemetery  
673-1311 • St. Patrick Parish

**BARTLETT** • St. Joseph Cemetery  
356-2535 • Our Lady of the  
Mountains Parish

**BATH** • St. Joseph Cemetery  
747-2038 • St. Joseph Parish

**BEDFORD** St. Joseph Cemetery  
622-9522 St. Joseph Cathedral Parish

**BEDFORD** • St. Hedwig Cemetery  
623-4835 • St. Hedwig Parish

**BENNINGTON** • Mount Calvary Cemetery  
924-7647 • Divine Mercy Parish

**BERLIN** • Calvary Cemetery  
752-2880 • Good Shepherd Parish

**BERLIN** • St. Anne Cemetery  
752-2880 • Good Shepherd Parish

**BERLIN** • St. Kieran Cemetery  
752-2880 • Good Shepherd Parish

**BERLIN** • Mount Calvary Cemetery  
752-2880 • Berlin Good Shepherd Parish

**CARROLL** (Twin Mountain)  
St. Margaret Cemetery  
788-2083 • Gate of Heaven Parish

## CHARLESTOWN

St. Catherine Cemetery  
826-3359 • All Saints Parish

**CLAREMONT** • St. Mary Cemetery  
542-9518 • St. Mary Parish

**COLEBROOK** • St. Brendan Cemetery  
237-4342 • North American  
Martyrs Parish

**DOVER** • St. Charles Cemetery  
742-4837 • Parish of the Assumption

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**DREWSVILLE** • St. Peter Cemetery  
826-3359 • All Saints Parish

**EPPING** • St. Joseph Cemetery  
679-8805 • St. Joseph Parish

**ERROL** • St. Pius Forest Lawn Cemetery  
237-4342 • North American  
Martyrs Parish

**FRANKLIN** • Holy Cross Cemetery  
934-5013 • St. Gabriel Parish

**GNONIC** • Mount Calvary Cemetery  
332-1863 • St. Leo Parish

**GORHAM** • Holy Family Cemetery  
752-2880 • Holy Family Parish

**GROVETON** • St. Francis Xavier Cemetery  
636-1047 • St. Marguerite  
d'Youville Parish

**HARRISVILLE** • St. Denis Cemetery  
924-7647 • Divine Mercy Parish

**HILLSBOROUGH** • St. Mary Cemetery  
428-3325 • St. Mary Parish

**HINSDALE** • St. Joseph Cemetery  
352-3525 • Parish of the Holy Spirit

**HOOKSETT** • Holy Rosary Cemetery  
485-3523 • Holy Rosary Parish

**HUDSON** • Holy Cross Cemetery  
881-8131 • St. Patrick Parish

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**JAFFREY** • St. Patrick Cemetery  
532-6634 • St. Patrick Parish

**KEENE** • St. Joseph Cemetery  
352-3525 • Parish of the Holy Spirit

**LACONIA** • Sacred Heart Cemetery  
524-9609 • St. André Bessette Parish

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524-9609 • St. André Bessette Parish

**LANCASTER** • All Saints Cemetery  
788-2083 • Gate of Heaven Parish

**LANCASTER** • Calvary Cemetery  
788-2083 • Gate of Heaven Parish

**LITTLETON** • St. Rose of Lima Cemetery  
444-2593 • St. Rose of Lima Parish

**LONDONDERRY** • Holy Cross Cemetery  
622-3215 • Ste. Marie Parish

**MANCHESTER** • Mount Calvary Cemetery  
622-3215 • Ste. Marie Parish

**MANCHESTER** • St. Augustin Cemetery  
623-8809 • St. Anne - St. Augustin Parish

**MARLBOROUGH** • Mount Calvary Cemetery  
352-3525 • Parish of the Holy Spirit

**NASHUA** • St. Francis Xavier Cemetery  
886-1302 • St. Aloysius  
of Gonzaga Parish

**NASHUA** • St. Louis de Gonzague Cemetery  
886-1302 • St. Aloysius  
of Gonzaga Parish

**NASHUA** • St. Stanislaus Cemetery  
886-1302 • St. Aloysius  
of Gonzaga Parish

**NEW IPSWICH** • Sacred Heart of  
Jesus Cemetery  
878-1121 • Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish

**NEWMARKET** • Calvary Cemetery  
659-3344 • St. Mary Parish

**NEWPORT** • St. Patrick Cemetery  
863-1422 • St. Patrick Parish

**NORTH CONWAY** • Our Lady of the  
Mountains Cemetery  
356-2535 • Our Lady of the  
Mountains Parish

## NORTH STRATFORD

Sacred Heart Cemetery  
636-1047 • St. Marguerite  
d'Youville Parish

**PENACOOK** • Calvary Cemetery  
753-4413 • Immaculate Conception Parish

**PETERBOROUGH** • St. Peter Cemetery  
924-7647 • Divine Mercy Parish

**PITTSFIELD** • Mount Calvary Cemetery  
435-6242 • Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

**PLAISTOW** • Holy Angels Cemetery  
382-8324 • St. Luke the Evangelist Parish

**PORTSMOUTH** • Calvary Cemetery  
436-9239 • Corpus Christi Parish

**PORTSMOUTH** • St. Mary Cemetery  
436-9239 • Corpus Christi Parish

**ROCHESTER** • Holy Rosary Cemetery  
332-1863 • Our Lady of the  
Holy Rosary Parish

**ROCHESTER** • St. Mary Cemetery  
332-1869 • St. Mary Parish

**ROLLINSFORD** • St. Patrick Cemetery  
692-0524 • St. Mary Parish

**SANBORNVILLE** • Mount Calvary Cemetery  
522-3304 • St. Anthony Parish

**SOMERSWORTH** • Holy Trinity Cemetery  
692-0524 • St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish

## SOMERSWORTH

Mount Calvary Cemetery  
692-0524 • St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish

**SUNCOOK** • St. John the Baptist Cemetery  
485-3113 • St. John the Baptist Parish

**TILTON** • St. John Cemetery  
934-5013 • St. Gabriel Parish

**TROY** • Mount Carmel Cemetery  
352-3525 • Parish of the Holy Spirit

## WEST STEWARTSTOWN

St. Albert Cemetery  
237-4342 • North American  
Martyrs Parish

**WHITEFIELD** • St. Matthew Cemetery  
788-2083 • Gate of Heaven Parish

**WILTON** • Mount Calvary Cemetery  
878-1121 • Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish