



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: October 3, 2025
RE: Catholic Cemeteries Educational Flyers

I hope all is well. Included in this mailing, for your reference and sharing with your clients at your discretion, are a handful of 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.

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;
- 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; 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 more information on the proper disposition of cremated remains go to www.catholicnh.org/cremation/.
- 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 information at dgabert@rcbm.org.



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.
- Catholic cemeteries provide locations for both full body burials and burial of cremains.

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, cremains are to be **buried intact**; memorialized, and **without scattering, separating, combining, dividing, or encasing 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 - www.catholicnh.org/catholic-cemeteries

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

Contact David A. Gabert, Director of Cemetery Operations, 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
444-2680 • 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

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

TILTON • St. John Cemetery
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TROY • Mount Carmel Cemetery
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WEST STEWARTSTOWN
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