

# Catholic Cemeteries — Understanding Field and Cemetery Operations



Catholic Cemeteries, Diocese of Rockville Centre

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## GROUND OPERATIONS & FIELD MAINTENANCE

There are several hundred acres of cemetery property in the Catholic Cemeteries' system. The cemeteries are open every day of the year for visitation. The facilities conduct burial services six days a week, except for certain civil holidays and church holy days. Whether Summer or Winter, whether in rain, snow or sunshine, those who work on the grounds must keep the facilities in a condition that both makes them accessible and welcoming.

Catholic Cemeteries are to be places of prayer and comfort, facilities that reflect the Church's theology about the dignity of each human person, whether that person is alive or in the tomb awaiting the day of final judgment.

Catholic Cemeteries image the care of the Church for her people which does not cease when death occurs. The members of the Communion of Saints lie in God's Acre, the consecrated space of the Catholic Cemetery; they are family, friends, fellow parishioners, all believers in Jesus Christ eternal.

The majority of the hours worked for Catholic Cemeteries are hours of manual labor on the grounds of the diocesan Catholic cemeteries. The lion's share of the annual budget is devoted to direct personnel costs and the necessary equipment required to operate and maintain the grounds. These realities make your request for service or maintenance of paramount importance to us.

Our goal here is articulated as "Providing religious facilities that are cost-effective, well maintained, efficiently operated, and financially sound in order to attract families of the various publics served by the cemeteries."

If you feel additional work is needed or perhaps you feel we've overlooked a matter concerning your lot, feel free to email us at [info@holyroodcemetery.org](mailto:info@holyroodcemetery.org) or complete the Maintenance Request form which can be found on our website at <http://www.holyroodcemetery.org/maintenance-requests.html>.

Some service issues are responded to immediately (within a few days of reporting the issue). Other issues are responded to seasonally or under better weather conditions, or at times are delayed due to interment work schedules. Some issues may be considered a capital improvement project for budgeted items under a restoration and/or renovation work project.

## SERVICES

Several services requested are noted as paid services requiring advance payment before completion. Some paid services require consent of the original owner or current holder for the lot, and at times specific requests must be reviewed and cost estimated before the cemetery will agree to complete the service. For more information, please review our website ([www.holyroodcemetery.org](http://www.holyroodcemetery.org)) or call us at (516) 334-7990.